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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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JOHN DOE OL-5,  
JOHN DOE OL-6,  
JOHN DOE OL-7,  
Plaintiffs;**

**Case No.:**

**Hon.**

**Complaint and Jury Demand**

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## COMPLAINT

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**NOW COME** the Plaintiffs, by and through their attorneys O’Keefe Law PLLC, hereby allege and state as follows:

### **I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT AND INTRODUCTION**

1. For over thirty years, Dr. Robert E. Anderson (“Dr. Anderson”) was granted unfettered access to students, student athletes, and other adults and minors in multiple communities across the State of Michigan by the University of Michigan (the “University”) and The Regents of the University of Michigan (“Regents”) (collectively “U of M” or “Defendants”).
2. Dr. Anderson used his U of M granted access to sexually assault and abuse hundreds, if not thousands, of boys and men over the course of his U of M career. Primarily, Dr. Anderson would, at a minimum, digitally penetrate the men and boys’ anuses and grope and fondle their genitals for his own sexual gratification under the guise of providing medical examinations.
3. To commit his abuse, Dr. Anderson used his position of trust, power, and authority as a U of M endorsed and employed doctor and committed the abuse under the guise of medical treatment.
4. U of M could have terminated Dr. Anderson and exposed him as the prolific

rapist that he was after receiving credible information on multiple occasions about the sexual assaults he had committed. There are at least seven known reports of sexual abuse that were made to U of M prior to 2003.

5. Despite numerous reports of sexual abuse against its students and student-athletes, U of M chose to continue enabling Dr. Anderson's abuse until his voluntary retirement from U of M in 2003.
6. Despite knowledge of Dr. Anderson's sexually assaultive, harassing, and predatory behavior, U of M failed to take any action to protect hundreds if not thousands of vulnerable boys and young men.
7. While each individual survivor was sexually abused by Dr. Anderson while he was employed as a doctor by U of M, the time, place, and abusive acts committed against the Survivors are unique and each individual survivor has been impacted in his own unique way by the abuse he suffered.
8. While each of the thousands of occurrences of sexual abuse committed by Dr. Anderson are unique, in general Dr. Anderson would sexually abuse the Survivors under the guise of medical treatment being performed by a renowned U of M doctor by performing extended and unnecessary digital-rectal examinations, masturbating his "patients," masturbating himself during his "treatment" of the Survivors, otherwise groping the Survivors' genitals, and other acts of sexual misconduct for his own perverse pleasure.

9. Therefore, this lawsuit seeks justice on behalf of the survivor Plaintiffs (collectively “Plaintiffs” or “Survivors”) against the enablers and perpetrator of their sexual abuse and seeks declaratory, injunctive, equitable, and monetary relief.

## **II. PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE**

10. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.
11. This Complaint has common issues of law and fact with other cases currently pending in the Eastern District of Michigan. *John Doe MC-1 v. The University of Michigan, et al.*, Case Number: 2:20-cv-10568-VAR-EAS has been designated the “Master Case” for these related cases.
12. The Survivors are men who were sexually abused and assaulted by U of M’s Dr. Anderson as more fully set forth below.
13. The Survivors were sexually abused by Dr. Anderson during the time period that he was employed by U of M, approximately 1966 to 2003.
14. Upon information and belief, Dr. Anderson died on November 27, 2008.
15. At all relevant times to the allegations in this Complaint, Dr. Anderson maintained an office on U of M’s campus in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, State of Michigan.
16. At all relevant times to the allegations in this Complaint, Dr. Anderson was

acting under color of law, to wit, under color of statutes, ordinances, regulations, policies, customs, and usages of the State of Michigan and/or U of M.

17. The University was at all relevant times and continues to be a public college organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan.

18. The University receives federal financial assistance and is therefore subject to Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681(a).

19. The University is primarily located in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, State of Michigan.

20. The University is “governed by the Board of Regents, which consists of eight members elected at large in biennial statewide elections. The president of the University serves as an ex officio member of the board.”<sup>1</sup>

21. The Regents “have ‘general supervision’ of the institution [the University] and ‘the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution’s funds.’”<sup>2</sup>

22. The Regents is currently composed of Jordan B. Acker, Michael J. Behm, Mark J. Bernstein, Paul W. Brown, Shauna Ryder Diggs, Denise Ilitch, Ron Weiser, and Katherine E. White.

23. Upon information and belief, the Regents primarily perform their official

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<sup>1</sup> See University of Michigan, *Meet the Regents*, REGENTS.UMICH.EDU, <https://regents.UofMich.edu/regents/> (last visited July 13, 2020).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*; see also M.I. CONST. art. VIII § 5.

duties in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, State of Michigan.

24. This action is brought pursuant to Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681, *et seq.*, the United States Constitution, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and under Michigan law as more fully set forth herein.

25. Subject matter jurisdiction is founded upon 28 U.S.C. § 1331, which gives district courts jurisdiction over all civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws, and treaties of the United States.

26. Subject matter jurisdiction is also founded upon 28 U.S.C. § 1343, which gives district courts original jurisdiction over any civil actions authorized by law to be brought by any person to redress the deprivation, under color of any state law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom or usage, of any right, privilege or immunity secured by the Constitution of the United States or by any Act of Congress providing for equal rights of citizens or of all persons within the jurisdiction of the United States, and any civil action to recover damages or to secure equitable relief under any Act of Congress providing for the protection of civil rights.

27. The Survivors further invoke the supplemental jurisdiction of this Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a) to hear and decide claims arising under state law that are so related to the claims within the original jurisdiction of this Court that they form part of the same case or controversy.



28. The events giving rise to this lawsuit primarily occurred in Washtenaw County, Michigan, which sits in the Southern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan.

29. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2), in that this is the judicial district in which the events giving rise to the claim occurred.

30. The amount in controversy in this matter exceeds \$75,000.00.

31. On June 24, 2020, Judge Victoria A. Roberts entered an Order Establishing Master Case [Dkt. 52] in Case No.: 2:20-cv-10569-VAR-EAS establishing *Doe MC-1 v. The University of Michigan, et al.* as the “Master Case” for “all cases alleging sexual abuse against these [the University of Michigan and the Regents of the University of Michigan] and involving Dr. Robert Anderson.” Dkt. 52 at 22. The undersigned counsel in this action have filed Appearances as Interested Parties in the Master Case.

### **III. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS - DR. ANDERSON’S EMPLOYMENT WITH U OF M**

32. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.

33. From the early 1960s until 2003, Dr. Anderson was a physician employed by U of M treating students on U of M’s Ann Arbor campus, during which time U of M gave Anderson unfettered access to young college students, including

young male student-athletes.

34. During his tenure at U of M, Dr. Anderson held numerous titles, including Director of Health Services, Senior Physician with U of M Health Services (“UHS”), and Athletic Senior Physician.
35. In all of these roles, and throughout the entirety of his employment with U of M, Dr. Anderson regularly and repeatedly sexually assaulted, abused, and molested male students by engaging in nonconsensual sexual touching, assault, and harassment, including but not limited to, medically unnecessary genital manipulation and digital anal penetration.
36. In his roles with UHS, Dr. Anderson regularly saw male students as patients for general health-related inquiries, medical ailments, physical examinations, prescription drug consultations, and military draft consultations.
37. In his role as Athletic Physician, Dr. Anderson treated members of the wrestling, football, track and field, hockey, and other athletic teams for nearly every medical ailment, complaint, and injury as their U of M assigned internist. He served as one of their first medical points of contact no matter the injury or ailment at issue, including everything from a cold to broken bones. Indeed, student-athletes were required to see Dr. Anderson even when they were not injured; regular physicals and checkups with Dr. Anderson were required for all student-athletes.

38. Upon information and belief, in the early 1960s, U of M began employing Dr. Anderson to treat students and student athletes at U of M facilities.
39. On or about September 1, 1966, U of M appointed Dr. Anderson to the position of Clinical Instructor in Internal Medicine and Clinical Instructor in Surgery, Medical School and the Senior Physician of UHS.
40. It was sometime soon after beginning employment with U of M that, according to Ambassador Ron Weiser, the current chair of the U of M Regents, Dr. Anderson abused Ambassador Weiser while Ambassador Weiser was a freshman wrestler at U of M in 1962 or 1963.
41. On or about October 1, 1968, U of M promoted Dr. Anderson to UHS Director, and Dr. Anderson continued as the Athletic Department's primary care physician and team physician for many of U of M's athletic teams.
42. Throughout Dr. Anderson's tenure at U of M, beginning in 1968 at the latest, U of M repeatedly received complaints about Dr. Anderson's sexual misconduct and predation.
43. Despite knowledge of Dr. Anderson's sexual misconduct and predatory behavior and nature, U of M concealed Dr. Anderson's misconduct and continued to allow Dr. Anderson access and opportunity to abuse U of M students until he voluntarily retired in 2003. In so doing, U of M put its own reputation above the safety of its students.

**IV. THE FIRST KNOWN REPORT OF ABUSE BY DR. ANDERSON:  
MR. BAILEY REPORTS ABUSE TO  
U OF M UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES IN 1968**

44. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.
45. In 1968, a gay U of M student, Gary Bailey, went for an examination by Dr. Anderson, Mr. Bailey later described the examination to the Detroit News as “very traumatic.”<sup>3</sup>
46. Mr. Bailey would not be alone over the decades to follow as Dr. Anderson continued to prey on students.
47. Mr. Bailey was reported as stating that “he (Dr. Anderson) had me drop my pants, he felt my penis and genitals, and subsequently, he (Dr. Anderson) wanted me to feel his (Dr. Anderson’s) penis and genitals.” Mr. Bailey further stated that “Back then you did not question a doctor’s authority...He (Dr. Anderson) asked me to pull on his (Dr. Anderson’s) penis.”<sup>4</sup>
48. Mr. Bailey filed a written complaint with the UHS by filling out a form complaining that Dr. Anderson had dropped his pants and asked him to fondle his genitals during the exam.

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<sup>3</sup> See Kim Kozlowski, *Alum Says He Told UM of Doctor's Sex Abuse in '68 But Never Got A Response*, DETROITNEWS.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2020/02/20/alum-says-he-told-university-michigan-about-doctor-sex-abuse/4817480002/>.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

49. No one from UHS or any other U of M agency followed up with Mr. Bailey or contacted him as part of an investigation into Mr. Bailey's written sexual assault complaint.
50. On information and belief, U of M never acted on and/or investigated Mr. Bailey's complaint of sexual abuse committed Dr. Anderson.
51. U of M was put on notice of Dr. Anderson's sexually deviant behavior when U of M received Mr. Bailey's report in 1968, at the latest.
52. U of M knew of Dr. Anderson's predatory behavior and his habits, temperament, and nature to sexually harass and assault students and student-athletes because of Mr. Bailey's complaint made to U of M, if U of M was not already aware of Dr. Anderson's dangerous nature.
53. Despite this notice, U of M knowingly allowed a sexual predator to directly work with students, student-athletes, staff, administration, and the public until 2003.
54. If U of M would have acted on this information and notice that Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator, hundreds, if not thousands, of acts of sexual abuse and assault could have been prevented by U of M.

**V. THE SECOND KNOWN REPORT OF ABUSE BY DR. ANDERSON:  
MR. BLACK REPORTS ABUSE TO U OF M COACH LOKEN IN 1969**

55. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained

in all previous paragraphs.

56. In 1969, a then U of M scholarship gymnast named Ward Black talked to U of M Gymnastics Coach Newt Loken about Dr. Anderson's conduct, and so gave notice to the U of M Athletic Department and U of M of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse.
57. Mr. Black, who is the former University of Oklahoma and Washington State University gymnastics coach, saw Dr. Anderson for a physical examination for the first time as a freshman scholarship gymnast at U of M in 1969.
58. During this 1969 physical, Dr. Anderson digitally penetrated Mr. Black's rectum.
59. Afterwards, Mr. Black tried to express his concern about this act to his U of M gymnastics coach, Newt Loken, by stating to Coach Loken words to the effect of "what was up with Dr. A?" In response, Coach Loken patted Mr. Black on the knee, smiled a "wry Cheshire grin," and changed the subject.<sup>5</sup>
60. Based on that reaction, Mr. Black "knew he knew. We all knew he knew" and did not complain again.<sup>6</sup>
61. When Mr. Black made his report of sexual abuse committed by Dr. Anderson,

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<sup>5</sup> See Associated Press, *Former Michigan Gymnast Says Doctor Assaulted Him In 1969*, WILX.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.wilx.com/content/news/Former-Michigan-gymnast-says-doctor-assaulted-him-in-1969-571198391.html>.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

Coach Loken was an agent of both the Athletic Department and U of M.

62. U of M and Coach Loken did not investigate Mr. Black's complaint about the sexual abuse committed against him by Dr. Anderson.
63. Coach Loken continued to coach the gymnastics team until 1983 and remained affiliated with the gymnastics program and Athletic Department until, at least, 2007.
64. On information and belief, U of M never acted on and/or investigated Mr. Black's complaint of sexual abuse committed Dr. Anderson.
65. U of M was once again put on notice of Dr. Anderson's sexually deviant behavior when U of M received Mr. Black's report.
66. U of M knew of Dr. Anderson's predatory behavior and his habits, temperament, and nature to sexually harass and assault students and student-athletes because of Mr. Black's complaint made to U of M, if U of M was not already aware of Dr. Anderson's dangerous nature.
67. Despite this notice, U of M knowingly allowed a sexual predator to directly work with students, student-athletes, staff, administration, and the public until 2003.
68. If U of M would have acted on this information and notice that Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator, hundreds, if not thousands, of acts of sexual abuse and assault could have been prevented by U of M.

**VI. THE THIRD KNOWN REPORT OF ABUSE BY DR. ANDERSON:  
MS. KALAHAR REPORTS ABUSE TO  
U OF M COUNSELOR IN 1973**

69. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.

70. In 1973, Ms. Cathy Kalahar was a freshman at the University.<sup>7</sup>

71. While at the University, Ms. Kalahar was a member of the women's tennis team from 1973 to 1975.<sup>8</sup>

72. Ms. Kalahar has alleged publicly that she was sexually abused by Dr. Anderson in 1973.<sup>9</sup>

73. Ms. Kalahar has come forth publicly and alleged that while visiting Dr. Anderson for a routine medical examination, Dr. Anderson ordered her to fully undress before he roughly grabbed her breasts, made crude comments about her breasts, and digitally penetrated her vagina with his ungloved fingers.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> See AP, *1st female alleges sexual abuse by University of Michigan doctor*, THE DAILY NEWS, (last visited July 21, 2020), <https://www.ironmountaindailynews.com/sports/local-sports/2020/07/1st-female-alleges-sexual-abuse-by-university-of-michigan-doctor/>.

<sup>8</sup> See Steve Marowski, *Late University of Michigan athletic doctor 'was coldest, meanest psychopath I've ever met,' female survivor says*, MLive Michigan, (last visited July 21, 2020), <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2020/07/late-university-of-michigan-athletic-doctor-was-coldest-meanest-psychopath-ive-ever-met-female-survivor-says.html>.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*



74. It has been reported that Ms. Kalahar has stated that “He [Dr. Anderson] told me that I should have them [her breasts] cut down because, while men like large breasts, mine were so large that they would not be attractive or pleasant to men.”<sup>11</sup>
75. Ms. Kalahar has also alleged that after Dr. Anderson made these crude comments about her breasts that he told her that if she wasn’t willing to have the reduction surgery that she should consider becoming a lesbian.<sup>12</sup>
76. After making these comments, Dr. Anderson digitally penetrated Ms. Kalahar’s vagina with his ungloved fingers.<sup>13</sup>
77. At the end of the medical examination, Dr. Anderson gave Ms. Kalahar a referral card to see a female therapist at UHS to “figure out my [Ms. Kalahar’s] breast and my [Ms. Kalahar’s] lover problem.”<sup>14</sup>
78. Eventually, Ms. Kalahar decided to meet with the psychological counselor at UHS that Dr. Anderson referred her to.<sup>15</sup>
79. Ms. Kalahar reported Dr. Anderson’s sexual abuse to the U of M psychological

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<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> *Id.*

<sup>13</sup> *Id.*

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> *Id.*

counselor that Dr. Anderson referred her to.<sup>16</sup>

80. The psychological counselor ignored Ms. Kalahar's report of sexual abuse and brushed it off as a "sexual fantasy."<sup>17</sup>
81. Ms. Kalahar has stated publicly that "I view Anderson as a serial sexual predator with a network of cohorts who knowingly engaged in a cover-up spanning decades," and that "...I had no idea that when I signed up for a simple sports physical that I would be assaulted by the team doctor. I am compelled for ethical and moral reasons to disclose my Anderson experiences for victims who have come forward and those who feel too afraid."<sup>18</sup>
82. On information and belief, U of M never acted on and/or investigated Ms. Kalahar's complaint of sexual abuse committed Dr. Anderson.
83. U of M was once again put on notice of Dr. Anderson's sexually deviant behavior when U of M received Ms. Kalahar's report.
84. U of M knew of Dr. Anderson's predatory behavior and his habits, temperament, and nature to sexually harass and assault students and student-athletes because of Ms. Kalahar's complaint made to U of M, if U of M was not already aware of Dr. Anderson's dangerous nature.

85. Despite this notice, U of M knowingly allowed a sexual predator to directly

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<sup>16</sup> *Id.*

<sup>17</sup> *Id.*

<sup>18</sup> *Id.*

work with students, student-athletes, staff, administration, and the public until 2003.

86. If U of M would have acted on this information and notice that Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator, hundreds, if not thousands, of acts of sexual abuse and assault could have been prevented by U of M.

**VII. THE FOURTH KNOWN REPORT OF ABUSE BY DR. ANDERSON:  
MR. DELUCA REPORTS ABUSE TO  
U OF M COACH JOHANNESSEN IN 1975**

87. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.
88. In 1975, a U of M student and scholarship member of U of M's wrestling team, Mr. Tad Deluca, gave notice of Dr. Anderson's sexual misconduct in a 9-page letter to U of M's head wrestling coach at the time, Bill Johannesen, complaining that "Something [was] wrong with [Anderson]" and "[r]egardless of what you are there for, Dr. Anderson makes you drop your drawers."<sup>19</sup>
89. U of M and Coach Johannesen did not investigate Mr. Deluca's complaint about the sexual abuse committed against him by Dr. Anderson.
90. Rather than investigate Mr. Deluca's complaints, U of M retaliated against Mr.

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<sup>19</sup> See David Jesse, *Former U-M Wrestler: I Blew Whistle on U-M doctor In 1975, Was Dismissed From Team*, FREEP.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.freep.com/story/news/education/2020/02/27/robert-anderson-university-of-michigan-tad-deluca-sex-abuse-scandal/4890575002/>.

Deluca by stripping him of his athletic scholarship and kicking him off the wrestling team.<sup>20</sup>

91. Mr. Deluca appealed to then University Athletic Director Don Canham and provided him with a copy of the letter sent to Coach Johannesen, giving Director Canham notice of the allegations against Anderson.
92. Director Canham did not investigate the sexual abuse complaints against Dr. Anderson, and instead, upheld the revocation of Mr. Deluca's athletic scholarship.
93. It is unsurprising that Director Canham did not investigate Mr. Deluca's allegations as Director Canham had been collaborating with Dr. Anderson for nearly a decade when Director Canham received Mr. Deluca's report.
94. Director Canham and Dr. Anderson began collaborating together, at the latest, in November 1968.<sup>21</sup>
95. In fact, Dr. Anderson wrote to Director Canham in 1968 that "I have attempted to make a preseason physical examination compulsory for all athletes..."<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> *Id.*

<sup>21</sup> See David Jesse, *Archive Papers Show Doctor's Ties to Bo Schembechler's Michigan Football Program*, FREEP.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.freep.com/story/sports/college/university-michigan/wolverines/2020/03/09/university-of-michigan-football-doctor-robert-anderson-bo-schembechler/4957066002/>.

<sup>22</sup> *Id.*

96. Dr. Anderson further wrote that “This works quite well as a recommendation, but it lacks teeth for the few athletes and coaches who do not heed suggestions without a little prodding.”<sup>23</sup>
97. Director Canham responded to Dr. Anderson’s letter, in part, by writing that “I assure you that we will implement the program as you outlined it. I think that probably the first thing we should do is set a date for all sports as to when the physical must be complete.”<sup>24</sup>
98. After being stripped of his scholarship, Mr. Deluca had to hire an attorney and appeal to U of M’s Board of Intercollegiate Athletics to have his scholarship reinstated.
99. Coach Johannesen has admitted to hearing jokes about Anderson’s proclivity to “examine” the genitals of male student-athletes. According to Coach Johannesen, “[t]he joke was that you go to see [Anderson], and you have a sore elbow, he would say, ‘OK, pull your pants down.’”<sup>25</sup>
100. Because so many student-patients were victims of Dr. Anderson, he was

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<sup>23</sup> *Id.*

<sup>24</sup> *Id.*

<sup>25</sup> See Kim Kozlowski, *Ex-Wrestler Says UM Ignored His Abuse Claims, Kicked Him Off Team*, DETROITNEWS.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2020/02/27/former-university-michigan-athletes-abuse-allegations-robert-anderson/4869148002/>.

referred to by them as “Dr. Drop Your Drawers.”<sup>26</sup>

101. On information and belief, U of M never acted on and/or investigated Mr. Deluca’s complaint of sexual abuse committed Dr. Anderson.
102. U of M was once again put on notice of Dr. Anderson’s sexually deviant behavior when U of M received Mr. Deluca’s report.
103. U of M knew of Dr. Anderson’s predatory behavior and his habits, temperament, and nature to sexually harass and assault students and student-athletes because of Mr. Deluca’s complaint made to U of M, if U of M was not already aware of Dr. Anderson’s dangerous nature.
104. Despite this notice, U of M knowingly allowed a sexual predator to directly work with students, student-athletes, staff, administration, and the public until 2003.
105. If U of M would have acted on this information and notice that Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator, hundreds, if not thousands, of acts of sexual abuse and assault could have been prevented by U of M.

**VIII. THE FIFTH KNOWN REPORT OF ABUSE BY DR. ANDERSON:  
JOHN DOE MC-16 REPORTS ABUSE TO  
U OF M COACHES HARVEY AND WARHURST IN 1976**

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<sup>26</sup> See Kim Kozlowski, *UM Official ‘Fired’ Doctor Accused Of Sex Abuse, But He Stayed On Another 24 Years*, DETROITNEWS.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2020/02/21/michigan-doctor-fired-sex-abuse-served-football-team-doctor-24-more-years/4835017002/>.

106. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.
107. Plaintiff John Doe MC-16, who filed a complaint in Case Number 2:20-cv-10622-VAR-EAS in the Eastern District of Michigan on March 8, 2020, attended U of M in the 1970's on a track athletic scholarship.<sup>27</sup>
108. Dr. Anderson repeatedly groped John Doe MC-16's penis and testicles and digitally penetrated his anus once during approximately 25 visits to Dr. Anderson for a variety of illnesses and injuries.
109. After one of those visits in 1976, John Doe MC-16 approached both his head coach, Jack Harvey, and assistant coach, Ron Warhurst, and told them that Dr. Anderson was touching and groping his penis and testicles during Dr. Anderson's medical examinations.
110. Dr. Anderson had already digitally penetrated John Doe MC-16's anus at the time John Doe MC-16 told U of M coaches Harvey and Warhurst about the genital groping, but John Doe MC-16 was too embarrassed to tell his coaches about the penetration.
111. After reporting Dr. Anderson's "odd" or "weird" conduct to Coach Harvey and Coach Warhurst, John Doe MC-16 further asked to go to another

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<sup>27</sup> See also Kim Kozlowski, *Lawsuit: 2 UM officials Knew About Doctor's Alleged Abuse*, DETROITNEWS.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2020/03/08/lawsuit-two-more-um-officials-alerted-about-doctors-alleged-assaults/4995055002/>.

physician so he could get medical assistance for his medical needs.

112. Both Coach Harvey and Coach Warhurst laughed at John Doe MC-16's complaint and refused to send him to a different physician.
113. It was this type of indifference, acceptance, and promotion of Dr. Anderson's acts by coaches that normalized Dr. Anderson's acts as required medical acts or treatment for all athletes across all teams as just part of participating in U of M athletics.
114. This was even more so where former U of M Athletic Director Canham's indifference to Mr. DeLuca's complaint about Dr. Anderson de facto normalized and enshrined Dr. Anderson's acts as simply "department policy" or protocol for the medical treatment of all athletes.
115. During this same period in the mid-1970s, numerous track athletes called Dr. Anderson "pants down doctor."
116. During this same period, both Coach Harvey and Coach Warhurst were agents of the Athletic Department.
117. On information and belief, U of M never acted on and/or investigated John Doe MC-16's complaint of sexual abuse committed Dr. Anderson.
118. U of M was once again put on notice of Dr. Anderson's sexually deviant behavior when U of M received John Doe MC-16's report.
119. U of M knew of Dr. Anderson's predatory behavior and his habits,



temperament, and nature to sexually harass and assault students and student-athletes because of John Doe MC-16's complaint made to U of M, if U of M was not already aware of Dr. Anderson's dangerous nature.

120. Despite this notice, U of M knowingly allowed a sexual predator to directly work with students, student-athletes, staff, administration, and the public until 2003.

121. If U of M would have acted on this information and notice that Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator, hundreds, if not thousands, of acts of sexual abuse and assault could have been prevented by U of M.

**IX. THE SIXTH KNOWN REPORT OF ABUSE BY DR. ANDERSON:  
JOHN DOE OL-28 REPORTS ABUSE TO  
U OF M COACH WARHURST IN 1976**

122. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.

123. John Doe OL-28 was sexually abused by Dr. Anderson hundreds of times between 1976 and 1981 as a student-athlete at the University as more fully set forth below.

124. John Doe OL-28 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson under the guise of medical treatment.

125. John Doe OL-28's coaches at U of M, Jack Harvey and Ron Warhurst, were aware of the sexual abuse being committed by Dr. Anderson against U of M

student-athletes, ignored this information, and continued to force student-athletes to see Dr. Anderson for medical examinations.

126. In September of 1976, John Doe OL-28 was present when U of M Coach Warhurst discussed and joked with him and other student-athletes about the sexual abuse being committed by Dr. Anderson during routine medical examinations.
127. In response to John Doe OL-28's report of sexual abuse, U of M Coach Warhurst told him "deal with it fucker."
128. In other instances, U of M Coach Warhurst stated in essence that "So you have a sore throat, you have to go to Anderson, drop your drawers, and get your hernia checked" while laughing about the matter.
129. U of M Coaches Harvey and Warhurst were aware of the sexual abuse being committed by Dr. Anderson at the latest in September 1976 and took no action to protect their student-athletes.
130. At all relevant times to John Doe OL-28's allegations in this Complaint, Dr. Anderson was employed as a doctor by U of M.
131. Dr. Anderson committed his sexual abuses and molestations against John Doe OL-28 while in a position of trust, authority, and power granted to him by U of M.
132. The actions of U of M concealed the true nature of the sexual abuse and

molestation committed against John Doe OL-28 by Dr. Anderson.

133. John Doe OL-28 has suffered emotional and physical damages as a result of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse.
134. U of M was once again put on notice of Dr. Anderson's sexually deviant behavior when U of M received John Doe OL-28's report.
135. U of M knew of Dr. Anderson's predatory behavior and his habits, temperament, and nature to sexually harass and assault students and student-athletes because of John Doe OL-28's complaint made to U of M, if U of M was not already aware of Dr. Anderson's dangerous nature.
136. Despite this notice, U of M knowingly allowed a sexual predator to directly work with students, student-athletes, staff, administration, and the public until 2003.
137. If U of M would have acted on this information and notice that Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator, hundreds, if not thousands, of acts of sexual abuse and assault could have been prevented by U of M.

**X. THE SEVENTH KNOWN REPORT OF ABUSE BY DR. ANDERSON:  
A U OF M GRADUATE STUDENT REPORTS ABUSE TO U OF M  
UNIVERSITY HEALTH IN 1979**

138. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.

139. According to records of the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office, in 1979 a then-graduate student at the U of M was seen by Dr. Anderson at the UHS when Dr. Anderson "gave undue attention to my genitals and rectal area. It was very physically and socially uncomfortable...he inserted his finger into my rectum for a period that was longer than any other hernia or rectal evaluation."
140. This graduate student complained loudly to the desk clerk, and then an administrator, both of whom "dismissed" him and ordered a security guard to escort him out of UHS
141. On information and belief, U of M never acted on and/or investigated the graduate student's complaint of sexual abuse committed Dr. Anderson.
142. U of M was once again put on notice of Dr. Anderson's sexually deviant behavior when U of M received the graduate student's report.
143. U of M knew of Dr. Anderson's predatory behavior and his habits, temperament, and nature to sexually harass and assault students and student-athletes because of the graduate student's complaint made to U of M, if U of M was not already aware of Dr. Anderson's dangerous nature.
144. Despite this notice, U of M knowingly allowed a sexual predator to directly work with students, student-athletes, staff, administration, and the public until 2003.
145. If U of M would have acted on this information and notice that Dr. Anderson

was a sexual predator, hundreds, if not thousands, of acts of sexual abuse and assault could have been prevented by U of M.

**XI. THE EIGHTH KNOWN REPORT OF ABUSE BY DR.  
ANDERSON:  
A U OF M STUDENT LIFE EMPLOYEE REPORTS ABUSE  
TO U OF M VICE PRESIDENT EASTHOPE IN 1979**

146. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.
147. U of M was warned again in 1979 by a U of M Student Life employee and activist that Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator preying on gay students.
148. The U of M Student Life employee and local U of M activist told his boss, Tom Easthope, the then Vice President of Student Life at U of M, that Dr. Anderson had assaulted several members of the gay community at U of M.
149. Vice President Easthope, who as Vice President of Student Life had supervisory oversight of the UHS, described the gist of his subordinate's information as Dr. Anderson was "fooling around with boys in the exam room."
150. The U of M Student Life employee who made the report to Vice President Easthope had personal knowledge of Dr. Anderson's abuse because when that Student Life employee was examined by Dr. Anderson during a routine physical, Dr. Anderson stuck his finger in the Student Life employee's anus, and when the employee jumped from pain and discomfort, Dr. Anderson stated, "I

thought that you would have enjoyed that!”

151. After this report, U of M knew and acknowledged that Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator.
152. Based on the information reported to him, Vice President Easthope decided to terminate Dr. Anderson but was nervous because Dr. Anderson was “big shot” at U of M.
153. Vice President Easthope confronted Dr. Anderson about Dr. Anderson’s abuse of the Student Life employee and that he was fooling around in the exam rooms with male students.
154. Dr. Anderson did not deny Vice President Easthope’s accusations.
155. At that time, Vice President Easthope told Dr. Anderson, “You gotta go.”<sup>28</sup>
156. After “firing” Dr. Anderson, Vice President Easthope decided to allow Dr. Anderson to resign to avoid an employee termination fight which would delay Dr. Anderson’s leaving his job.
157. During this time, Vice President Easthope was an agent of U of M.
158. Neither Vice President Easthope nor his superiors or subordinates followed up to ensure that Dr. Anderson left the University after his severance from UHS.
159. When recently confronted about Dr. Anderson, former Vice President

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<sup>28</sup> See David Jesse, *Former U-M wrestler: I blew whistle On U-M doctor in 1975, Was Dismissed From Team*, FREEP.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.freep.com/story/news/education/2020/02/27/robert-anderson-university-of-michigan-tad-deluca-sex-abuse-scandal/4890575002/>.

Easthope stated that “I bet there are over 100 people that could be on that list (of young men abused by Dr. Anderson).”

160. According to U of M human resource records, instead of terminating Dr. Anderson from the University, U of M “demoted” Dr. Anderson effective January 14, 1980 and moved him to the Athletic Department to be the primary care physician.
161. The reason for Dr. Anderson’s transfer as stated in Dr. Anderson’s personnel file was “resuming former position.”
162. U of M’s reassignment of Dr. Anderson gave him further access to students and student-athletes to sexually abuse under the guise of medical treatment.
163. According to longtime U of M athletic trainer Russell Miller, after Dr. Anderson’s transfer from UHS, Athletic Director Canham, a legendary and powerful figure at the University, “worked out a deal” to increase Dr. Anderson’s role in the Athletic Department.
164. Despite U of M’s knowledge of Dr. Anderson’s misconduct, it continued to hold him out as a leader in its healthcare community.
165. U of M went so far as to fraudulently conceal Dr. Anderson’s predatory sexual misconduct, intentionally concealing the reason for Dr. Anderson’s departure as Director of UHS.
166. Despite its knowledge that Dr. Anderson was sexually abusing students and

student-athletes, U of M praised Dr. Anderson in its 1980 publication Volume III of the President's Report of The University of Michigan for 1979–1980.

167. The U of M publication states in its “Acknowledgement” preface: “The University Health Service staff wish to acknowledge the 11 years of leadership provided by Robert E. Anderson, M.D. In January of 1980, Anderson resigned as Director of the University Health Service to devote more time to his clinical field of urology/andrology and athletic medicine...his many contributions to health care are acknowledged...The University Health Service staff wish to thank Anderson for his years of leadership and to dedicate the Annual Report to him.” It further confirms that after his transfer, Dr. Anderson “continue[d] as a senior physician on the medical staff” at U of M.
168. Thereafter, Dr. Anderson had free rein to abuse thousands of male students with impunity, including the Survivors.
169. Even upon learning of more allegations, U of M continued to protect Dr. Anderson and its own reputation instead of the safety of its students and student-athletes.
170. Despite this notice, U of M knowingly allowed a sexual predator to directly work with students, student-athletes, staff, administration, and the public until 2003.
171. If U of M would have acted on this information and notice that Dr. Anderson



was a sexual predator, hundreds, if not thousands, of acts of sexual abuse and assault could have been prevented by U of M.

**XII. THE NINTH KNOWN REPORT OF ABUSE BY DR. ANDERSON:  
JOHN DOE EB-17 REPORTS ABUSE TO  
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH BO SCHEMBECHLER  
AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR DON CANHAM IN 1982 AND 1983**

172. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.
173. U of M was warned again in 1982 and 1983 by a U of M student-employee that Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator preying on students.
174. Former University Athletic Director Don Canham served as the University's Athletic Director from 1968 to 1988.
175. To this day, U of M swimming, diving, and water polo teams compete in the Donald B. Canham Natatorium located on U of M's Ann Arbor, Michigan campus.
176. Athletic Director Canham hired Glenn Edward "Bo" Schembechler, Jr. to be the University's head football coach in 1969.
177. Head Coach Schembechler was the head football coach for the University from 1969 to 1989.
178. Head Coach Schembechler lead the University football team to a 194-48-5 record during his tenure, including winning or winning a share of 13 Big Ten Conference titles.

179. Head Coach Schembechler lead the University's football teams to 17 bowl game appearances during his tenure, and achieved victory in two Rose Bowls and won other bowl games.
180. At the time that Head Coach Schembechler left his coaching position, his 234 total victories was fifth best all-time against Division 1-A teams, being topped only by coaches Bear Bryant, A.A. Stagg, Pop Warner, and Woody Hayes.
181. Head Coach Schembechler was named the 1969 Walter Camp Coach of the Year Award and the Big Ten Coach of the Year Award in 1972, 1976, 1980, and 1985.
182. To this day, Head Coach Schembechler is often included in lists or rankings of the best college football coaches in history.
183. An approximately 7 1/2 foot tall bronze statue of Head Coach Schembechler sits at the entrance to the Stephen M. Ross Athletic Campus on U of M's Ann Arbor, Michigan campus. The statute is emblazoned with a quote from Head Coach Schembechler: "Those Who Stay Will Be Champions."
184. Schembechler Hall on U of M's Ann Arbor, Michigan campus is the current home to the Towsley Family Museum and the U of M football training facilities.
185. In 2014, Schembechler Hall underwent a \$9,000,000.00 renovation.
186. As recently as July 20, 2020, Head Coach Schembechler has been hailed as

having his name be “synonymous with University of Michigan football.”<sup>29</sup>

187. Head Coach Schembechler was promoted to University Athletic Director in 1988, succeeding Don Canham. He stayed in this role until 1990.
188. To this day, the University awards the Bo Schembechler Most Valuable Player Award to the most valuable member of its football team every year.
189. John Doe EB-17 was a student and student-employee at the University from approximately 1981 to 1983.
190. While a student at the University, John Doe EB-17 was a student play-by-play announcer for the University football team.
191. John Doe EB-17 suffered from severe migraine headaches while he was a student at the University.
192. John Doe EB-17 knew former University Head Football Coach Bo Schembechler well due to his position as student play-by-play announcer for the football team.
193. Head Coach Schembechler personally referred John Doe EB-17 to see Dr. Anderson to be treated for his migraine headaches.
194. John Doe EB-17 saw Dr. Anderson three times for treatment of his migraine headaches in 1981, 1982, and 1983.

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<sup>29</sup> See Patrick Nothaft, *‘Bo who?’ Schembechler’s First QB Recalls Meeting Michigan’s Legendary Coach*, MLIVE.COM, (last visited July 22, 2020), <https://www.mlive.com/wolverines/2020/07/bo-who-schembechlers-first-qb-recalls-meeting-michigans-legendary-coach.html>.

195. Instead of treating John Doe EB-17 for his migraine headaches, Dr. Anderson digitally rectally penetrated John Doe EB-17 under the guise of medical treatment.
196. After being sexually abused by Dr. Anderson in 1982 and 1983, John Doe EB-17 reported the sexual abuse directly to Head Coach Schembechler.
197. Upon being informed of the sexual abuse committed by Dr. Anderson against John Doe EB-17, Head Coach Schembechler directed John Doe EB-17 to report the sexual abuse directly to then University Athletic Director Don Canham on two occasions in 1982 and 1983.
198. Upon the advice and direction of Head Coach Schembechler, John Doe EB-17 reported the sexual abuse directly to Athletic Director Canham.
199. Upon information and belief, Athletic Director Canham took no action and failed to investigate the allegations of sexual abuse committed by Dr. Anderson.
200. On information and belief, U of M never acted on and/or investigated John Doe EB-17's complaint of sexual abuse committed Dr. Anderson.
201. U of M was once again put on notice of Dr. Anderson's sexually deviant behavior when U of M received John Doe EB-17's report of sexual abuse.
202. U of M knew of Dr. Anderson's predatory behavior and his habits, temperament, and nature to sexually harass and assault students and student-

athletes because of John Doe EB-17's complaint made to U of M, if U of M was not already aware of Dr. Anderson's dangerous nature.

203. Despite this notice, U of M knowingly allowed a sexual predator to directly work with students, student-athletes, staff, administration, and the public until 2003.

204. If U of M would have acted on this information and notice that Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator, hundreds, if not thousands, of acts of sexual abuse and assault could have been prevented by U of M.

**THE TENTH KNOWN REPORT OF ABUSE BY DR. ANDERSON:  
JOHN DOE EB-19 REPORTS ABUSE TO  
U OF M FOOTBALL HEAD TRAINER RUSS MILLER IN 1988**

205. John Doe EB-19 was a student-athlete at the University from approximately 1988 to 1993.

206. While a student at the University, John Doe EB-19 was a member of the football team.

207. John Doe EB-19 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson from approximately 1988 to 1989 during required physical examinations.

208. In 1988, John Doe EB-19 approached Russ Miller, the then Head Trainer for the University football team.

209. John Doe EB-19 informed Head Trainer Miller that Dr. Anderson had sexually

abused him during his required physical.

210. Upon information and belief, Head Trainer Miller took no action and failed to investigate the allegations of sexual abuse committed by Dr. Anderson.
211. On information and belief, U of M never acted on and/or investigated John Doe EB-19's complaint of sexual abuse committed Dr. Anderson.
212. U of M was once again put on notice of Dr. Anderson's sexually deviant behavior when U of M received John Doe EB-19's report of sexual abuse.
213. U of M knew of Dr. Anderson's predatory behavior and his habits, temperament, and nature to sexually harass and assault students and student-athletes because of John Doe EB-19's complaint made to U of M, if U of M was not already aware of Dr. Anderson's dangerous nature.
214. Despite this notice, U of M knowingly allowed a sexual predator to directly work with students, student-athletes, staff, administration, and the public until 2003.
215. If U of M would have acted on this information and notice that Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator, hundreds, if not thousands, of acts of sexual abuse and assault could have been prevented by U of M.

**THE ELEVENTH KNOWN REPORT OF ABUSE BY DR. ANDERSON:  
A FORMER STUDENT REPORTS ABUSE TO THE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN IN 1994**

216. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.
217. In 1994, a former U of M student reported that in 1973 Dr. Anderson fondled him at the UHS clinic.
218. The student reported that in 1973 Dr. Anderson fondled his genitals to the point of ejaculation.
219. The complainant reported the abuse in 1994 to the predecessor of Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs ("LARA").
220. Upon information and belief, in the ordinary course of a reported sexual assault by a regulated professional, LARA would have contacted U of M as Dr. Anderson's employer. Yet, U of M continued to employ Dr. Anderson until his voluntary retirement in 2003.
221. On information and belief, U of M never acted on and/or investigated the former student's complaint of sexual abuse committed Dr. Anderson.
222. U of M was once again put on notice of Dr. Anderson's sexually deviant behavior when U of M received the former student's and/or LARA's report.
223. U of M knew of Dr. Anderson's predatory behavior and his habits, temperament, and nature to sexually harass and assault students and student-athletes because of the former student's complaint made to U of M, if U of M was not already aware of Dr. Anderson's dangerous nature.

224. Despite this notice, U of M knowingly allowed a sexual predator to directly work with students, student-athletes, staff, administration, and the public until 2003.

225. If U of M would have acted on this information and notice that Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator, hundreds, if not thousands, of acts of sexual abuse and assault could have been prevented by U of M.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND ITS AGENTS HAD OTHER  
KNOWLEDGE OF DR. ANDERSON COMMITTING THOUSANDS OF  
ACTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE AGAINST ITS STUDENTS**

226. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.

227. In addition to the numerous known reports of sexual abuse to U of M officials, U of M's condoning of Dr. Anderson's assaultive conduct is further shown by trainer Paul Schmidt's comments to a freshman football player in the 1980s.

228. Plaintiff John Doe MC-27, who has filed a complaint against U of M in Case Number 2:20-cv-10785-VAR-EAS on March 26, 2020 in the Eastern District of Michigan, attended U of M in the 1980s and 1990s on athletic scholarship for football.

229. During John Doe MC-27's first physical examination by Dr. Anderson, Dr. Anderson groped, fondled, and cupped John Doe MC-27's penis and testicles



for an excessively long time while Dr. Anderson's face was within inches of John Doe MC- 27's penis and testicles.

230. John Doe MC-27 encountered longtime U of M trainer Paul Schmidt and other trainers as he exited his first football team physical examination by Anderson.

231. Seeing that John Doe MC-27 was exiting his examination by Dr. Anderson, U of M trainer Paul Schmidt laughed and told John Doe MC-27 "get used to that [Dr. Anderson's examination]."

232. The other trainers that were present laughed as well, and it was clear to John Doe MC-27 that Paul Schmidt and the other trainers knew what Dr. Anderson was doing in the exam room to athletes.

233. It was this type of indifference and acceptance of Dr. Anderson's acts by trainers that also normalized Anderson's acts as required medical acts or treatment for all athletes across all teams as just part of participating in U of M athletics.

234. During this time, Paul Schmidt and the other trainers were agents of the Athletic Department and U of M.

235. Paul Schmidt is still employed by U of M and, upon information and belief, is currently the Assistant Athletic Director for the Athletic Department.

236. This is evidence of Dr. Anderson's continued authority and influence within the Athletic Department and U of M's failure to act despite repeated sexual

assaults and reports of repeated sexual assaults.

237. It is a sign of Dr. Anderson's continued power and influence at U of M that U of M adopted mandatory student-athlete physicals only after Dr. Anderson recommended this mandate; which, of course, gave Dr. Anderson increased access to male student-athletes to sexually abuse.
238. During Dr. Anderson's time as an U of M employee, the football team won a national championship and numerous conference championships.
239. It is a further sign of Anderson's power and influence at the U of M that Anderson travelled with the U of M's vaunted football team, stayed in the football team's hotel as part of the Athletic Department's traveling party, was included in every football team end-of-year bowl VIP traveling entourage, and was a fixture on the sidelines during Michigan's nationally televised football games.
240. Archived records at the U of M's Bentley Library describe Dr. Anderson's influence within the Athletic Department was such that he was able to squash a proposal to allow the athletes more latitude in choosing treatment by doctors other than Dr. Anderson.
241. Dr. Anderson remained in a position of power and authority within the Athletic Department even though written exit evaluations by graduating senior athletes routinely gave Dr. Anderson poor grades for his treatment of the

student-athletes that he was preying on.

242. Dr. Anderson treated U of M athletes for every medical ailment, complaint, and injury as their U of M-assigned internist. He served as their first medical point of contact no matter the injury or ailment at issue, including everything from a cold to the flu to broken bones.
243. During his employment, agency, and representations with U of M, Dr. Anderson sexually assaulted, abused and molested male student athletes by engaging in nonconsensual sexual touching, assault, and harassment, including but not limited to medically unnecessary genital manipulation and digital anal penetration.
244. Because U of M took no action to investigate the complaints from students that began as early as 1968, or earlier, and took no corrective actions even after Vice President Easthope attempted to fire Dr. Anderson in 1979, students and student-athletes were sexually assaulted, abused and molested by Anderson through nonconsensual digital anal penetration and nonconsensual sexual touching of genitals.
245. The students he abused did not understand (as U of M did) the nature of the “treatment” Dr. Anderson administered, or rather that his putatively necessary medical treatment was not done to heal them but rather to satisfy Dr. Anderson’s sexual desires.

246. In particular, because so many were victimized, student-athletes “normalized” Dr. Anderson’s abuse and accepted it as part of what they had to endure as an athlete already under intense, grueling training and physical demands, and they did not know that they were victims of assault at the time it occurred.
247. Dr. Anderson’s victims did not know, and could not reasonably understand that they were being sexually assaulted at the time Dr. Anderson abused them.
248. Although uncomfortable with the treatments, the student-athletes were led to believe by those in authority, including Athletic Director Canham, coaches, trainers, and Dr. Anderson, that the treatments were medically necessary or helpful.
249. As a result of the power imbalance, culture of retaliation, fraudulent concealment, and disguising of abuse as legitimate medical procedures, most of Dr. Anderson’s victims stayed silent about their abuse for years.
250. Not all of Dr. Anderson’s victims have stayed silent. Recently, a number of survivors have come forward to tell their stories of abuse.
251. For example, the following survivors, in addition to many others, have come forward to reveal the pervasiveness of the sexual abuse committed by Dr. Anderson:
- a. Ron Weiser, current Regents chairman, has stated that he was first sexually abused by Dr. Anderson in 1963 as a freshman at the University

and that the abuse continued through 1967, when he was a graduate student.<sup>30</sup> He has been quoted as stating that “Part of that story is that I am a survivor, and I experienced abuse by Dr. Anderson.”<sup>31</sup>

- b. In 1971, Robert Julian Stone was sexually abused by Dr. Anderson during a medical examination.<sup>32</sup> Mr. Stone heroically reported the sexual abuse to U of M in 2019.<sup>33</sup>
- c. Ed Glazier started his graduate studies at the University in 1969.<sup>34</sup> When he received notice from his draft board requiring him to complete a physical, he found himself before Dr. Anderson as Dr. Anderson had a reputation for certifying people as gay to avoid the draft.<sup>35</sup> During the physical, Dr. Anderson laid down on the examination table, removed his

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<sup>30</sup> See Nolan Finley, *Finley: UM Regent, Donor Ron Weiser Says He Was Molested by Doctor, Too*, DETROITNEWS.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/columnists/nolan-finley/2020/03/12/finley-um-regent-donor-ron-weiser-says-he-molested-doctor-too/5022591002/>.

<sup>31</sup> *Id.*

<sup>32</sup> See Tammy Webber and Kathleen Foody, *Victims Turn to Media to Expose Sex Abuse by College Doctors*, DETROITNEWS.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/detroit-city/2020/02/24/victims-sex-abuse-media-um-doctor/111367742/>.

<sup>33</sup> *Id.*

<sup>34</sup> See David Jesse, *U-M Doctor Helped Men Avoid Vietnam War in Exchange for Sexual Favors, Ex-students Say*, FREEP.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.freep.com/story/sports/university-michigan/wolverines/2020/02/28/michigan-um-doctor-robert-anderson/4897540002/>.

<sup>35</sup> *Id.*

pants, and masturbated himself.<sup>36</sup> Recounting the experiences of his friends, Mr. Glazier has stated that “‘They told me that when he was manipulating himself, he would say, ‘If you don’t see anything, you could put your mouth on it.’ It was clear what they had to do.”<sup>37</sup>

- d. It has been reported that at least two other men have come forward and stated that Dr. Anderson was known to be willing to certify someone as gay in exchange for sexual acts or watching sexual acts.<sup>38</sup>
- e. In 1973, JP DesCamp was sent to Dr. Anderson by his employer, General Motors, for a physical so that he could continue to keep his flight status.<sup>39</sup> During the physical, Dr. Anderson required Mr. DesCamp to remove his underwear and Dr. Anderson sexually abused Mr. DesCamp by penetrating his anus digitally and fondling his testicles.<sup>40</sup>
- f. Dr. James Barahal, President and CEO of the Honolulu Marathon and former U of M cross-country team member, has come forward to report

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<sup>36</sup> *Id.*

<sup>37</sup> *Id.*

<sup>38</sup> *Id.*

<sup>39</sup> See David Jesse, *U-M Doctor’s Accusers: University Allowed Horror Show to Go On for Decades*, FREEP.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.freep.com/story/news/education/2020/03/05/university-michigan-doctor-robert-anderson-sexual-assault/4963338002/>.

<sup>40</sup> *Id.*

Dr. Anderson sexually abused him in 1975.<sup>41</sup> Dr. Barahal has stated that he visiting the student health center at the University in 1975 to have his sore throat treated.<sup>42</sup> Instead of receiving appropriate medical treatment, Dr. Anderson abused Dr. Barahal by performing a digital rectal examination on him.<sup>43</sup>

- g. An anonymous wrestler has stated that he was sexually abused by Dr. Anderson when Dr. Anderson digitally penetrated his anus on 10 to 20 occasions between 1976 and 1980.<sup>44</sup>
- h. Between 1980 and 1984, Dr. Anderson sexually abused a U of M football player four to five times a year by “touching his genitals hard” and “fingering his asshole.”<sup>45</sup> Dr. Anderson was known as “Drop Your Drawers Anderson” and “Doc A” for “anal.”<sup>46</sup>

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<sup>41</sup> See Mike Householder, *Honolulu Marathon CEO Says He Was Abused by University of Michigan Doctor*, STARADVERTISER.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.staradvertiser.com/2020/02/25/hawaii-news/honolulu-marathon-ceo-says-he-was-abused-by-michigan-doctor/>.

<sup>42</sup> *Id.*

<sup>43</sup> *Id.*

<sup>44</sup> See Steve Marowski, *3 More Lawsuits Filed Against University of Michigan Regarding Sexual Abuse Claims Against Late Doctor*, MLIVE.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2020/03/3-more-lawsuits-filed-against-university-of-michigan-regarding-sexual-abuse-claims-against-late-doctor.html>.

<sup>45</sup> *Id.*

<sup>46</sup> *Id.*

- i. Another anonymous wrestler has disclosed that he was on an athletic scholarship to the University between 1984 and 1989 and was sexually abused by Dr. Anderson during that time.<sup>47</sup> The wrestler was between the ages of 17 and 22 when he was sexually assaulted on at least 35 different occasions by Dr. Anderson when Dr. Anderson digitally penetrated his anus and fondled his genitals.<sup>48</sup>
- j. Yet another anonymous wrestler has stated that he was sexually abused by Dr. Anderson when Dr. Anderson digitally penetrated his anus on 8 to 10 occasions between 1993 and 1998.<sup>49</sup>
- k. An anonymous former University football player from 1989 to 1993 has set forth that he was sexually abused by Dr. Anderson six times during physicals wherein Dr. Anderson handled and fondled his penis and

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<sup>47</sup> See David Jesse, *Former U-M Wrestler Files Lawsuit Against School Over Alleged Sexual Assault by Doctor*, FREEP.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.freep.com/story/news/education/2020/03/04/lawsuit-michigan-doctor-robert-anderson/4954663002/>.

<sup>48</sup> *Id.*

<sup>49</sup> See Steve Marowski, *3 More Lawsuits Filed Against University of Michigan Regarding Sexual Abuse Claims Against Late Doctor*, MLIVE.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2020/03/3-more-lawsuits-filed-against-university-of-michigan-regarding-sexual-abuse-claims-against-late-doctor.html>.



testicles.<sup>50</sup> <sup>51</sup> This survivor has filed a lawsuit and alleged that “Despite his [the football player’s] shock, pain and trauma, he rationalized Anderson’s abuse as part of normal medical protocol.”<sup>52</sup>

1. Former University and Olympic wrestler Andy Horvat has come forward about being sexually abused in 1998 by Dr. Anderson.<sup>53</sup> Mr. Horvat has stated that “I was warned about him from teammates, saying, ‘If anything happens and you go see the doctor, he’s going to inappropriately touch you, that’s just what Dr. A does.’”<sup>54</sup> Mr. Horvat has also been quoted as stating that “In my mind, he normalized what

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<sup>50</sup> See Kim Kozlowski, *Lawsuit Seeking Class-action Status Filed Over Alleged UM Doctor Abuse*, DETROITNEWS.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2020/03/09/class-action-suit-filed-against-university-michigan-not-protecting-students-against-doctor/5002775002/>.

<sup>51</sup> See Steve Marowski, *Lawsuit Seeks to Represent ‘likely thousands’ of Victims of Former UM Doctor*, MLIVE.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2020/03/lawsuit-seeks-to-represent-likely-thousands-of-victims-of-former-um-doctor.html>.

<sup>52</sup> See Kim Kozlowski, *Lawsuit Seeking Class-action Status Filed Over Alleged UM Doctor Abuse*, DETROITNEWS.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2020/03/09/class-action-suit-filed-against-university-michigan-not-protecting-students-against-doctor/5002775002/>.

<sup>53</sup> See Larry Lage, David Eggert, Kathleen Foody & Mike Householder, *Wrestler Adds to Abuse Allegations Against University Doctor*, ABCNEWS.GO.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://abcnews.go.com/Sports/wireStory/6th-man-claims-sexual-abuse-university-michigan-doctor-69107030>.

<sup>54</sup> *Id.*

he was doing and made you think that was just a normal part of the procedure,’ ... ‘So why would you tell somebody?’”<sup>55</sup>

252. On July 18, 2018, U of M alumnus Tad Deluca sent a letter to Warde Manuel, U of M Athletic Director, notifying Manuel—as he did Don Canham in 1975 — of Dr. Anderson’s sexual assault while Deluca was a student between 1972 to 1976.
253. Upon information and belief, U of M then requested the U of M police department to open a non-public investigation, but U of M did not take further action to notify former students and/or the public about the allegations and/or investigation until 19 months later.
254. University President Schlissel admitted on February 20, 2020, “Our (U of M) police found indications that U-M staff members were aware of rumors and allegations of misconduct during Anderson’s medical exams.”<sup>56</sup>
255. As stated above, at least one of the U of M Board of Regents has personal knowledge that the complaints received on July 18, 2018, were and are true: Ron Weiser, chairman of the U of M Board of Regents.
256. Another member of the U of M Board of Regents, Regent Paul Brown,

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<sup>55</sup> *Id.*

<sup>56</sup> See The Associated Press & Caroline Llanes, *UM President Apologizes to “anyone harmed” by Late Doctor*, MICHIGANRADIO.ORG, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.michiganradio.org/post/um-president-apologizes-anyone-harmed-late-doctor>.

recently publicly stated that three members of his family who were student-athletes at U of M were also sexually assaulted by Anderson.

257. Nonetheless, neither the University nor the Regents took any steps to notify the public nor its alumni student-athletes about Dr. Anderson's abuse until compelled to do so by the press in February 2020.

258. It was not until U of M received Mr. Deluca's letter in 2018—50 years after hiring Dr. Anderson, 50 years after U of M received first complaint about Dr. Anderson's misconduct, 43 years after Mr. Deluca's initial complaint, 15 years after Dr. Anderson's retirement, and 10 years after Dr. Anderson's death—that U of M requested police open an investigation into Anderson's misconduct.

259. Still, U of M did not take further action to notify former students and/or the public about the allegations and/or investigation until almost two years later.

260. On February 19, 2020, U of M, for the first time, publicly announced it had launched investigations into Dr. Anderson's sexual misconduct, admitting five former students had made abuse allegations.

261. U of M's 19-month delay in notifying the public and alumni about Dr. Anderson's abuse of student-athletes is consistent with the pattern of U of M's recent reactions to sexual abuse allegations: for several years, U of M has been under intense media, public, and government scrutiny regarding their mishandling of sexual harassment and sexual assault by faculty members,

including, but not limited to by Professor David Daniels; several Title IX complaints by students in recent years; and complaints of sexual misconduct and inappropriate behavior against Provost Martin Philbert.

262. At all relevant times, Dr. Anderson maintained an office at U of M in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
263. At all relevant times, U of M was acting under color of law, to wit, under color of statutes, ordinances, regulations, policies, customs, and usages of the State of Michigan and/or U of M.
264. At all relevant times, including the years 1966 to 2003, Dr. Anderson was acting within the course and scope of his employment or agency with U of M.
265. As the U of M Athletic Department's physician and "gatekeeper," Dr. Anderson had the power to keep athletes off the field under the guise of a medical diagnosis if those athletes did not comply with Dr. Anderson's methods and orders.
266. U of M President Schlissel has stated that "The patient-physician relationship involves a solemn commitment and trust."
267. Because U of M took no action to investigate complaints since 1968 or before, took no corrective action to stop Dr. Anderson's abuse, and knew of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse of male students under the guise of medical treatment which put him in a position to commit further acts of genital groping and

digital anal penetrations of male college athletes between the early 1960s and 2003, U of M knowingly placed the Survivors in a position where they would likely be sexually abused.

268. And because of U of M's failure to act, despite knowledge that Dr. Anderson was preying on male college students under the guise of medical treatment, the Survivors were in fact sexually assaulted, abused and molested by Dr. Anderson through nonconsensual digital anal penetration and other nonconsensual touching.

269. The assaults could have been prevented if U of M had acted on and/or investigated complaints against Dr. Anderson that U of M had notice of as early as 1968.

270. The assaults on the Survivors could have been prevented if U of M had warned the Survivors or properly supervised Dr. Anderson or trained Athletic Department supervisors, such as the Survivors' coaches and trainers. But, U of M failed to do any of these things that would have prevented the Survivors' sexual abuse.

271. Rather than preventing the Survivors' abuse, U of M chose to protect Dr. Anderson and its institution.

272. Through Dr. Anderson's position with U of M and his notoriety and respect in the U of M community, particularly among high-ranking U of M coaches and

administrators, Dr. Anderson used his position of authority as a medical professional to abuse the Survivors without any reasonable supervision by U of M.

273. All of Dr. Anderson's acts were conducted under the guise of providing medical care at his office at U of M.

274. The failure to give proper notice or to obtain consent from the Survivors robbed them of the opportunity to reject Dr. Anderson's treatments.

**THE PHYSICIAN-PATIENT  
FIDUCIARY RELATIONSHIP CREATED BY U OF M**

275. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.

276. Physicians like, and including, Dr. Anderson enjoy a power imbalance over patients, such as the Survivors, in treatment because patients present with health concerns and are expected to comply with physicians' orders, including undressing.<sup>57</sup>

277. In addition to the power imbalance, patients like the Survivors often times cannot recognize abusive acts because they do not understand or know what is

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<sup>57</sup> See James M. DuBois, et al., *Sexual Violation of Patients by Physicians: A Mixed-Methods, Exploratory Analysis of 101 Cases*, JOURNALS.SAGEPUB.COM, Sexual Abuse 2019, Vol. 31(5) 503–523, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1079063217712217>.

or is not medically necessary.<sup>58</sup>

278. Among other reasons, it is this social power imbalance and the fact that “physicians possess superior knowledge by virtue of their medical training” that the American Medical Association finds the doctor-patient relationship to be a fiduciary relationship.<sup>59</sup>

279. In the same way, both the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and Michigan courts recognize this fiduciary relationship between a doctor and his patient, where “the patient necessarily reposes a great deal of trust not only in the skill of the physician but in his discretion as well.” *United States v. Tatum*, 518 F.3d 369, 373 (6th Cir. 2008); *Hammonds v. Aetna Cas. & Sur. Co.*, 7 Ohio Misc. 25 (N.D. Ohio 1965); *Utica Steel, Inc. v. Amormino*, No. 309112, 2014 WL 1401939, at \*6 (Mich. App., Apr. 10, 2014)

280. U of M ordered the Survivors to see Dr. Anderson as their U of M-assigned primary care physician during the time the Survivors were students, despite knowing Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator of male students.

281. In this way, U of M created a fiduciary relationship between Dr. Anderson and the Survivors.

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<sup>58</sup> *Id.*

<sup>59</sup> See Tanya J. Dobash, *Physician-Patient Sexual Conduct: The Battle Between the State and the Medical Profession*, 50 Wash. & Lee L. Rev. 1725 (1993), see also <https://scholarlycommons.law.wlu.edu/wlulr/vol50/iss4/17>.

282. Further, in doing so, U of M became a fiduciary, both directly and vicariously, of the Survivors for any and all acts by Dr. Anderson during Dr. Anderson's physician-patient relationship with the Survivors.

283. Because U of M forced this relationship on the Survivors – a fiduciary relationship with the Survivors' U of M-chosen physician, Dr. Anderson – U of M as a principal to its agent, Dr. Anderson, owed certain duties under fiduciary and agency law to disclose and provide the Survivors with more, not less information, regarding the true nature of Dr. Anderson's acts done during the course of medical treatment on the Survivors.

**THE FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT OF  
DR. ANDERSON'S SEXUAL ABUSE**

284. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.

285. Both Dr. Anderson and U of M through their employees, agents, and representatives, including but not limited to administrators, athletic coaches, trainers, and directors, fraudulently concealed the existence of the Survivors' claims, both before and after the Survivors' initial examination with Dr. Anderson, by: (1) concealing that the uncomfortable procedures conducted during medical examinations were in fact sexual abuse; (2) concealing that U of M and its employees, agents, and representatives were aware of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse and did nothing to stop it; (3) affirmatively telling the Survivors



that the procedures were normal and/or necessary; (4) publishing a statement that Dr. Anderson was a renowned physician to be trusted and respected in a publication delivered to and read by University students; (5) concealing that U of M was aware of Dr. Anderson's abuse since at least 1968, or before, thereby concealing U of M's identity from the Survivors as a "person who is liable for the claim."

286. Dr. Anderson's fraudulent concealment is imputed to U of M.

287. Dr. Anderson made affirmative representations to the Survivors, referred to collectively as "Dr. Anderson's representations," that:

- a. Dr. Anderson's anal penetrations and/or genital examinations were normal, necessary, proper, appropriate, legitimate, and/or medically beneficial;
- b. Dr. Anderson's anal penetrations and/or genital examinations were normal, necessary, proper, appropriate, legitimate, and/or medically beneficial even when there were no reported issues related to the Survivors' genitals and/or anus; and
- c. Dr. Anderson's anal penetrations and/or genital examinations were just another required procedure athletes must endure as a part of the systemic athletic department culture in which athletes were rigorously disciplined to obey without question every requirement related to

improving their physical health and, in doing so, adapting to overcome high levels of emotional, physical, and psychological stress and challenges.

288. Dr. Anderson's representations were false. The U of M Public Safety Department's recent investigation involving contact with medical professionals establishes that extended genital examinations and digital anal penetrations are almost never needed for any medical treatment of any issues normally experienced by college athletes.
289. Dr. Anderson knew the representations were false. He conducted the sexual abuse and assaults for no reason other than for his own empowerment, sexual gratification, and/or pleasure.
290. Dr. Anderson knew the genital examinations and/or digital anal examinations were not proper, appropriate, legitimate, and/or considered within the standard of care by any physician of any specialty and/or sports therapist, particularly as the patients were young men (generally ages 17-25).
291. Further, over the course of treating the Survivors on multiple occasions, Dr. Anderson represented and stated his acts were "protocol," "what was necessary," "had to be done," or similar phrases, and/or Dr. Anderson represented that he was checking for an illness unrelated to the complaint that gave rise to the visit to Dr. Anderson, such as prostate and/or testicular cancer.

292. These remarks normalized Dr. Anderson as just part of the comprehensive and thorough nature of major college sports, and major college physicals, such that it happened to everyone and was not outside the norm, and was the medical equivalent of a new and arduous drill or conditioning technique that the Survivors encountered at U of M, but not in high school.
293. Dr. Anderson's representations were material, in that had the Survivors known the representations were false, the Survivors would have stopped seeking treatment from Anderson immediately.
294. Dr. Anderson's representations were made with the intent that the Survivors would rely on them as Dr. Anderson sought to continue sexually assaulting the Survivors, and others, evidenced by the fact that Dr. Anderson did, in fact, continue sexually assaulting the Survivors, and others.
295. Dr. Anderson's representations were also made with the intent of concealing from the Survivors that they had a cause of action against Dr. Anderson and/or U of M.
296. The Survivors did, in fact, rely on Dr. Anderson's representations; indeed, Dr. Anderson's representations led the Survivors to continue seeking treatment from Dr. Anderson, and had they known Dr. Anderson's representations were false, the Survivors would have stopped treating with Dr. Anderson.
297. Dr. Anderson knew, and the Survivors were in fact, particularly susceptible to

believing Dr. Anderson's misrepresentations because:

- a. Dr. Anderson's abuse continued while the Survivors were young and naïve adults;
- b. Dr. Anderson's representations were made within the context of a pervasive culture created by statements made by representatives of U of M, including coaches, trainers, directors, and other leaders of the Athletic Department, that Dr. Anderson's treatments were necessary and Dr. Anderson was a competent and ethical physician, to be trusted and never questioned;
- c. The Survivors had little or no prior experience with legitimate and appropriately performed treatments that involve genital examinations and digital anal penetrations, so it was impossible for the Survivors to differentiate a legitimate and appropriately performed genital or anal examination from a sexual assault;
- d. The Survivors could not have possibly known because there were no parents, coaches, guardians, caregivers, and/or other medical professionals in the room during the genital and/or anal examinations to observe, question, and/or discover that Dr. Anderson's treatments were sexual assaults, and this concealment from other adults deprived them of the opportunity to inform the Survivors that they had been sexually

assaulted and had a cause of action;

- e. Based on neuroscience research, the prefrontal cortex of the brain, which people use to make decisions and distinguish right from wrong, is not fully formed until around the age of 25;
- f. Based on neuroscience research, as the prefrontal cortex of the brain matures teenagers are able to make better judgments;
- g. The Survivors were intimidated by Dr. Anderson's notoriety and reputation and therefore believed his representations;
- h. The Survivors trusted Dr. Anderson due to his notoriety and reputation;
- i. The Survivors were compelled by Dr. Anderson to undergo genital and anal examinations like other athletes and not question them if they wanted to stay on the team and/or remain at U of M to earn their college degrees;
- j. The Survivors were not aware of any other students coming forward with allegations of abuse, particularly because Dr. Anderson and U of M concealed any such allegations from students and the public in general and since the culture of the Athletic Department normalized Dr. Anderson's treatments;
- k. The Survivors had never previously heard about allegations in the media regarding sexual assaults or misconduct by Dr. Anderson, indeed

because there was none; and

1. The Survivors were never told by Dr. Anderson that his conduct was sexual in nature, unlike other survivors of sexual abuse who are typically told by their perpetrators that their conduct is of a sexual nature and to conceal the sexual conduct from parents and others.
298. Accordingly, the Survivors did not know, could not have reasonably known, and were reasonably unaware of a possible cause of action that they had against Dr. Anderson and/or U of M until they read an article on or about February 19, 2020, regarding a complaint filed with U of M's Police Department by a student abused by Dr. Anderson, at which point, at the earliest, the Survivors became aware they were victims of sexual assault and that U of M indirectly or directly caused the abuse by being aware Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator and failing to stop Dr. Anderson from harming students.
299. Dr. Anderson and U of M also breached a fiduciary duty to the Survivors as they were Dr. Anderson's patients and/or student-athletes entrusted to Dr. Anderson's care, and so his failure to disclose material information to the Survivors was fraudulent.
300. Dr. Anderson further concealed the fraud by affirmative acts that were designed and/or planned to prevent inquiry, so he and U of M could escape

investigation, in that he:

- a. Prevented other medical professionals, coaches, trainers, parents, guardians, and/or caregivers from being in the room during examinations and treatments of the Survivors while he sexually assaulted the Survivors; and
- b. Did not abide by or follow the standard and care which requires another medical professional, coach, trainer, parent, guardian, and/or caregiver be in the room during the examination and treatment of patients.

301. Dr. Anderson's representations caused the Survivors' injuries related to: (1) the sexual assaults; (2) discovering Dr. Anderson's uncomfortable treatments were in fact sexual assault on or about February 19, 2020; and (3) discovering the Survivors' beloved alma mater that they devoted their lives to, in many respects, betrayed them by placing them in the care of a known sexual predator.

302. Dr. Anderson committed fraudulent concealment by concealing fraud with affirmative acts designed and/or planned to prevent inquiry, so he and U of M could escape investigation.

303. At all times pertinent to this action, Dr. Anderson was an agent, apparent agent, servant, and employee of U of M and operated within the scope of his employment, and his negligence is imputed to U of M.

304. U of M, through their employees, agents, and representatives, including but not

limited to athletic coaches, trainers, athletic directors, other athletic department representatives, and members of U of M's administration, made affirmative representations to the Survivors, referred to collectively as "U of M's representations," that:

- a. Dr. Anderson was to be trusted and not questioned, and his devotion to medical care at U of M was worthy of public recognition and celebration, as reflected in their subsequent statement: "The University Health Service staff wish to acknowledge the 11 years of leadership provided by Robert E. Anderson, M.D. In January of 1980, Anderson resigned as Director of the University Health Service to devote more time to his clinical field of urology/andrology and athletic medicine... his many contributions to health care are acknowledged...The University Health Service staff wish to thank Anderson for his years of leadership and to dedicate the Annual Report to him," published in the Acknowledgement preface of Volume III of the President's Report of The University of Michigan for 1979-1980;
- b. Dr. Anderson was to be trusted and not questioned as his services were worthy of recognition by U of M dedicating "the Annual Report to him" even though U of M and its executives knew that Vice President Easthope had "terminated" Dr. Anderson for his inappropriate sexual



conduct toward male students;

- c. Dr. Anderson's genital groping and/or digital anal penetrations were normal, necessary, proper, appropriate, legitimate, and/or medically beneficial;
- d. Dr. Anderson's genital groping and/or digital anal penetrations were normal, necessary, proper, appropriate, legitimate, and/or medically beneficial, when the patient is a healthy male between the ages of 17 and 25, with no reported issues related to his genitals;
- e. Dr. Anderson would treat their ailments and injuries in an ethical and competent manner, and therefore non-criminal manner;
- f. Dr. Anderson's genital groping and/or digital anal penetrations were just another required procedure athletes must endure as a part of the systemic athletic department culture in which athletes were rigorously disciplined to obey without question every requirement related to improving their physical health and, in doing so, adapting to overcome high levels of emotional, physical, and psychological stress and challenges; and,
- g. There was nothing wrong with anything Dr. Anderson did and so there was no possible cause to complain against Dr. Anderson and/or U of M.

305. These affirmative representations were reasserted each time U of M, their agents in the Athletic Department, head coaches, assistant coaches, and trainers sent an athlete to Dr. Anderson for treatment as each order to see Dr. Anderson was an affirmative representation that Dr. Anderson was competent, ethical, and would “do no harm,” or assault the respective athletes.
306. U of M’s representations were false. The U of M’s Public Safety Department’s recent investigation involving contact with medical professionals establishes that extended genital examinations and digital anal penetrations are almost never needed for any physical or medical treatment of any other issues normally experienced by college athletes.
307. U of M knew the representations were false. U of M received several complaints since, at least, the 1960s about Dr. Anderson’s sexual assaults prior to the Survivors arriving on campus. Indeed, U of M removed Dr. Anderson from his position as UHS Director in 1979 because of sexual assault allegations, thereby demonstrating U of M’s knowledge the representations were false.
308. U of M made the material representations, knowing they were false and/or made the material representations recklessly, without any knowledge of their truth and as a positive assertion, in that they had previously received strikingly similar complaints of abuse by Dr. Anderson from other students and student

athletes and knew that the appropriateness of his genital examinations and digital anal penetrations had been questioned in the past.

309. U of M's representations were made with the intent that the Survivors would rely on them as U of M sought to prevent the Survivors from discovering they had a cause of action against Dr. Anderson and/or U of M.

310. U of M concealed the fraud by affirmative acts that were designed and/or planned to prevent inquiry and escape investigation and prevent subsequent discovery of fraud, in that they:

- a. Refused to terminate Dr. Anderson and thus validated him through continued employment as a physician with one of the world's great institutions of higher learning;
- b. Affirmatively lied in written publications about Dr. Anderson "resigning" from UHS when he was fired, and then reinstated but demoted him, for assaults on male students;
- c. Ignored, refused, and failed to inquire, question, and investigate the complaints and take action regarding Dr. Anderson's genital and anal examinations; and
- d. Did not create a policy to require adults, parents, chaperones, guardians, and/or caregivers be present during an examination of a minor or young athlete by a physician.

311. U of M knew that the Survivors were, in fact, particularly susceptible to believing U of M's representations because:

- a. Dr. Anderson's abuse occurred while the Survivors were young and naïve adults;
- b. U of M's representations were made within the context of a pervasive culture created by statements made by U of M representatives, including coaches, trainers, directors, and other leaders of the Athletic Department, that Dr. Anderson's treatments were necessary and Dr. Anderson was a competent and ethical physician, to be trusted and never questioned;
- c. The Survivors had little or no prior experience with legitimate and appropriately performed treatments that involve extended genital examinations and digital anal penetrations, so it was impossible for the Survivors to differentiate a legitimate and appropriately performed genital and/or anal examinations from a sexual assault;
- d. The Survivors could not have possibly known because there were no parents, coaches, guardians, caregivers, and/or other medical professionals in the room during the genital and anal examinations to observe, question, and/or discover that his genital examinations were sexual assaults and inform the Survivors that he had been sexually

assaulted and had a cause of action;

- e. Based on neuroscience research, the prefrontal cortex of the brain, which we use to make decisions and distinguish right from wrong, is not fully formed until around the age of 25;
- f. Based on neuroscience research, as the prefrontal cortex of the brain matures teenagers are able to make better judgments;
- g. The Survivors were intimidated by Dr. Anderson's notoriety and reputation and therefore believed his representations and followed protocol to allow Dr. Anderson to act on the Survivors;
- h. The Survivors relied on the Athletic Department/Health Department and trusted Dr. Anderson due to his notoriety and reputation;
- i. The Survivors were compelled by Dr. Anderson to undergo improper genital examinations like other athletes and students and not question them if he wanted to stay on the team and remain at U of M to earn their college degree;
- j. The Survivors had no reason to believe or be aware of any other students coming forward with allegations of abuse, particularly since Dr. Anderson and U of M concealed any such allegations and since the culture of the Athletic Department normalized Dr. Anderson's treatments;

- k. The Survivors had never previously heard about any allegations in the media regarding sexual assaults or misconduct by Anderson; and
  - l. The Survivors were never told by Dr. Anderson that his conduct was sexual in nature, unlike other victims of sexual abuse who are typically told by their perpetrators that their conduct is of a sexual nature and to conceal the sexual conduct from their parents and others.
312. Accordingly, the Survivors did not know, could not have reasonably known, and were reasonably unaware of a possible cause of action that they had against Dr. Anderson or U of M until they read an article on or about February 19, 2020, or later, regarding a complaint filed with U of M's Police Department by a student abused by Dr. Anderson, at which point the Survivors became aware they were the victim of sexual assault and that U of M indirectly or directly caused the abuse by being aware Dr. Anderson was a sexual predator and failing to stop him from harming students.
313. In addition to affirmative false representations, U of M coaches, officials, agents, and representatives failed to disclose to the Survivors that they was being sexually abused and that Dr. Anderson had a history of committing sexual assaults in the guise of medical treatment.
314. Because U of M had a fiduciary duty to the Survivors, and it employed Dr. Anderson who had a doctor-patient relationship with the Survivors, the failure

to disclose material information is also fraudulent.

315. At all times pertinent to this action, the sports medicine trainers, trainers, employees, staff, managers, supervisors, coaches, and directors of U of M were agents, apparent agents, servants, and employees of U of M and operated within the scope of their employment and their fraudulent concealment is imputed to U of M.

316. Further, student-athlete Survivors (and their parents) trusted and relied on their coaches' specific representations during his recruitment process that they would take care of and protect the Survivors during their athletic careers at U of M, including, among others, taking care of: (a) athletic needs through excellent coaching and training; (b) academic needs through tutoring and other academic support provided by the U of M and its Athletic Department, if needed; and (c) medical needs through free quality health care to treat any injuries and illnesses the Survivors incurred during their time on the team, which included access to U of M's world-renowned hospital and a team of excellent doctors who were excellent, ethical, and would only do good, not harm, for the Survivors during the course of their medical treatments.

317. Further, as pled above, during their time as student-athletes for U of M, the Survivors' coaches and trainers repeatedly told the Survivors that they would get the best medical treatment from U of M's excellent medical facilities and

doctors and trainers, and that all medical treatment (and each individual treatment) would only be treatment that was medically necessary to treat their injury or illness, and that treatment would only be for the purposes of healing the Survivors, and doing the Survivors no harm.

318. U of M's representations caused the Survivors injuries related to: (1) the sexual assaults; (2) discovering Dr. Anderson's uncomfortable treatments were in fact sexual assault on or after February 19, 2020; and (3) discovering the Survivors' beloved alma mater that they devoted their lives to, in many respects, betrayed them by placing them in the care of a known sexual predator.

319. Therefore, U of M committed fraudulent concealment of the sexual abuse committed by Dr. Anderson against the Survivors, as described in detail above and below.

### **THE DAMAGE DONE TO THE SURVIVORS OF DR. ANDERSON'S ABUSE**

320. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.

321. The Survivors to this day suffer continuing trauma as a result of U of M's institutional betrayal and failure to implement proper protective measures.

322. Without implementing the proper policies and procedures to protect students from serial sexual predators, the Survivors will continue to suffer damages as a result of U of M's institutional betrayal.



323. U of M created, and was deliberately indifferent, to a sexually hostile culture within its athletic and student health programs, by, among other things:

- a. Mishandling students' reports about Dr. Anderson's conduct and/or discouraging students from reporting Dr. Anderson's conduct;
- b. Failing to promptly and appropriately investigate, remedy, and respond to complaints about Dr. Anderson's conduct;
- c. Increasing Dr. Anderson's access to U of M student-athletes, despite students' complaints about Dr. Anderson's conduct;
- d. Failing to adequately supervise Dr. Anderson, after learning that he posed a substantial risk to the safety of all male students;
- e. Failing to take corrective action to prevent Dr. Anderson from sexually harassing other students;
- f. Requiring student-athletes to see Dr. Anderson for annual physicals and medical treatment in order to participate in University sports and maintain their athletic scholarships—even after student-athletes complained to administrators and employees about the ways Dr. Anderson's inappropriate conduct during medical examinations; and
- g. Joking about Dr. Anderson's conduct with students.

324. The Survivors first learned Dr. Anderson was a serial sexual predator on or after February 19, 2020, when the news broke that several former students had

come forward with stories of sexual abuse at the hands of Anderson under the guise of medical treatment while students at U of M.

325. The damages arise from two distinct and exclusive harms: (1) the revelation that Dr. Anderson's odd or weird acts, were not in fact, innocent, odd, or weird acts, but rather criminal sexual conduct motivated by Dr. Anderson's illegal sexual intent; and (2) the revelation that the University, an integral part of the Survivors' life and identity for over 40 years, foisted a sexual predator on the Survivors in the guise of a competent and concerned medical physician.
326. Since these revelations, the Survivors have been suffering shame, shock, humiliation, emotional distress, and related physical manifestations thereof, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, and disgrace.
327. The news about Dr. Anderson has disturbed the Survivors' innate sense of self- worth and self-identity, leading to anxiety and depression.
328. The Survivors have also suffered deeply, emotionally, and psychologically, in ways that have manifested physically, from discovering on or after February 19, 2020, that their beloved alma mater knew about Dr. Anderson's sexual assaults for decades; yet did nothing to stop Dr. Anderson.
329. Aside from these understandable injuries, other harms include: (a) feeling betrayed because they were not protected by U of M coaches and trainers; (b) feeling betrayed because U of M forced Dr. Anderson on them and their

unsuspecting teammates knowing that Dr. Anderson was a predator; (c) worries and anxiety that friends and family may find out that the Survivors were victims; (d) anxiety about future interactions with the U of M; and (e) extreme anxiety about how these harms will manifest themselves in the Survivors' middle age and senior years.

330. Despite knowledge about Dr. Anderson's misconduct, U of M knowingly kept him in positions where he had direct and intimate access to prey upon college athletes and students, such as Plaintiffs, from the early 1960s to 2003.

331. These revelations have been traumatic and emotionally and psychologically damaging, forcing the Survivors to relive the trauma of what they now know to have been sexual assault.

332. It has shattered the Survivors psychologically and emotionally to learn that the University they has spent their life being devoted to betrayed them and so many others by placing a sexual predator on staff where he had direct and unlimited access to young college students to prey on.

## **THE PLAINTIFFS: SURVIVORS OF ABUSE BY DR. ANDERSON**

### **A. JOHN DOE OL-1**

333. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.

334. John Doe OL-1 is an adult male and currently a resident of Winnetka County,

State of Illinois.

335. John Doe OL-1 was a student-athlete at the University from approximately 1983 to 1987.
336. While a student at the University, John Doe OL-1 was a member of the baseball team.
337. John Doe OL-1 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson from approximately 1983 to 1987.
338. John Doe OL-1 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson in Washtenaw County, State of Michigan.
339. John Doe OL-1 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson under the guise of medical treatment.
340. Dr. Anderson sexually abused John Doe OL-1 by committing the following acts, at a minimum, against him:
  - a. Dr. Anderson performed extended and unnecessary digital-rectal penetrations under the guise of medical treatment for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.
  - b. Dr. Anderson required John Doe OL-1 to expose his genitals to Dr. Anderson for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.
  - c. Dr. Anderson groped and fondled John Doe OL-1's genitals for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.

341. At all relevant times to John Doe OL-1's allegations in this Complaint, Dr. Anderson was employed as a doctor by U of M.
342. Dr. Anderson committed his sexual abuses and molestations against John Doe OL-1 while in a position of trust, authority, and power granted to him by U of M.
343. The actions of U of M concealed the true nature of the sexual abuse and molestation committed against John Doe OL-1 by Dr. Anderson.
344. John Doe OL-1 has suffered emotional and physical damages as a result of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse.

**B. JOHN DOE OL-2**

345. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.
346. John Doe OL-2 is an adult male and currently a resident of Ramsey County, State of Minnesota.
347. John Doe OL-2 was a student-athlete at the University from approximately 1989 to 1993.
348. While a student at the University, John Doe OL-2 was a member of the wrestling team.
349. John Doe OL-2 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson from approximately 1989 to 1990.

350. John Doe OL-2 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson in Washtenaw County, State of Michigan.
351. John Doe OL-2 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson under the guise of medical treatment.
352. Dr. Anderson sexually abused John Doe OL-2 by committing the following acts, at a minimum, against him:
- a. Dr. Anderson performed extended and unnecessary digital-rectal penetrations under the guise of medical treatment for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.
  - b. Dr. Anderson required John Doe OL-2 to expose his genitals to Dr. Anderson for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.
  - c. Dr. Anderson groped and fondled John Doe OL-2s genitals for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.
353. At all relevant times to John Doe OL-2's allegations in this Complaint, Dr. Anderson was employed as a doctor by U of M.
354. Dr. Anderson committed his sexual abuses and molestations against John Doe OL-2 while in a position of trust, authority, and power granted to him by U of M.
355. The actions of U of M concealed the true nature of the sexual abuse and molestation committed against John Doe OL-2 by Dr. Anderson.

356. John Doe OL-2 has suffered emotional and physical damages as a result of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse.

### **C. JOHN DOE OL-3**

357. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.

358. John Doe OL-3 is an adult male and currently a resident of Sarasota County, State of Florida.

359. John Doe OL-3 was a student-athlete at the University from approximately 1983-1984, and a student-only from 1984-1987.

360. While a student at the University, John Doe OL-3 was a member of the football team.

361. John Doe OL-3 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson from approximately 1983 to 1984.

362. John Doe OL-3 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson in Washtenaw County, State of Michigan.

363. John Doe OL-3 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson under the guise of medical treatment.

364. Dr. Anderson sexually abused John Doe OL-3 by committing the following acts, at a minimum, against him:

- a. Dr. Anderson performed extended and unnecessary digital-rectal penetrations under the guise of medical treatment for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.
  - b. Dr. Anderson required John Doe OL-3 to expose his genitals to Dr. Anderson for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.
  - c. Dr. Anderson groped and fondled John Doe OL-3's genitals for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.
365. At all relevant times to John Doe OL-3's allegations in this Complaint, Dr. Anderson was employed as a doctor by U of M.
366. Dr. Anderson committed his sexual abuses and molestations against John Doe OL-3 while in a position of trust, authority, and power granted to him by U of M.
367. The actions of U of M concealed the true nature of the sexual abuse and molestation committed against John Doe OL-3 by Dr. Anderson.
368. John Doe OL-3 has suffered emotional and physical damages as a result of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse.

#### **D. JOHN DOE OL-4**

369. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.



370. John Doe OL-4 is an adult male and currently a resident of Washtenaw County, State of Michigan.
371. John Doe OL-4 was a 26 years old back in 1978, attending flight school.
372. John Doe OL-4 was referred to Dr. Anderson for a physical.
373. John Doe OL-4 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson from approximately 1978 to 1979.
374. John Doe OL-4 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson in Washtenaw County, State of Michigan, and possibly also at Anderson's office in Plymouth (Wayne county), Michigan.
375. John Doe OL-4 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson under the guise of medical treatment.
376. Dr. Anderson sexually abused John Doe OL-4 by committing the following acts, at a minimum, against him:
- a. Dr. Anderson performed extended and unnecessary digital-rectal penetrations under the guise of medical treatment for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.
  - b. Dr. Anderson required John Doe OL-4 to expose his genitals to Dr. Anderson for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.
  - c. Dr. Anderson groped and fondled John Doe OL-4's genitals for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.

377. At all relevant times to John Doe OL-4's allegations in this Complaint, Dr. Anderson was employed as a doctor by U of M.
378. Dr. Anderson committed his sexual abuses and molestations against John Doe OL-4 while in a position of trust, authority, and power granted to him by U of M.
379. The actions of U of M concealed the true nature of the sexual abuse and molestation committed against John Doe OL-4 by Dr. Anderson.
380. John Doe OL-4 has suffered emotional and physical damages as a result of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse.

#### **E. JOHN DOE OL-5**

381. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.
382. John Doe OL-5 is an adult male and currently a resident of Chester County, State of Pennsylvania.
383. John Doe OL-5 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson from in or about the Spring – Summer of 1990 during a physical examination.
384. John Doe OL-5 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson in Washtenaw County, State of Michigan.
385. John Doe OL-5 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson under the

guise of medical treatment.

386. Dr. Anderson sexually abused John Doe OL-5 by committing the following acts, at a minimum, against him:

- a. Dr. Anderson performed an extended and unnecessary digital-rectal penetration under the guise of medical treatment for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.
- b. Dr. Anderson required John Doe OL-5 to expose his genitals to Dr. Anderson for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.

387. At all relevant times to John Doe OL-5's allegations in this Complaint, Dr. Anderson was employed as a doctor by U of M.

388. Dr. Anderson committed his sexual abuses and molestations against John Doe OL-5 while in a position of trust, authority, and power granted to him by U of M.

389. The actions of U of M concealed the true nature of the sexual abuse and molestation committed against John Doe OL-5 by Dr. Anderson.

390. John Doe OL-5 has suffered emotional and physical damages as a result of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse.

#### **F. JOHN DOE OL-6**

391. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained

in all previous paragraphs.

392. John Doe OL-6 is an adult male and currently a resident of Sarasota County, State of Florida.

393. John Doe OL-6 was a resident of Ann Arbor from 1966 to 1972.

394. John Doe OL-6 was a graduate student at U of M during that time period.

395. John Doe OL-6 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson at least two—maybe three times during that time frame at Anderson’s health clinic.

396. John Doe OL-6 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson in Washtenaw County, State of Michigan.

397. John Doe OL-6 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson under the guise of medical treatment.

398. Dr. Anderson sexually abused John Doe OL-6 by committing the following acts, at a minimum, against him:

- a. Dr. Anderson performed fellatio on John Doe OL-6 on an examination table during the course of John Doe OL-6’s treatment for a sore throat.
- b. Dr. Anderson performed extended and unnecessary digital-rectal penetrations under the guise of medical treatment for Dr. Anderson’s own sexual gratification.
- c. Dr. Anderson required John Doe OL-6 to expose his genitals to Dr. Anderson for Dr. Anderson’s own sexual gratification.

d. Dr. Anderson groped and fondled John Doe OL-6's genitals for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.

399. At all relevant times to John Doe OL-6's allegations in this Complaint, Dr. Anderson was employed as a doctor by U of M.

400. Dr. Anderson committed his sexual abuses and molestations against John Doe OL-6 while in a position of trust, authority, and power granted to him by U of M.

401. The actions of U of M concealed the true nature of the sexual abuse and molestation committed against John Doe OL-6 by Dr. Anderson.

402. John Doe OL-6 has suffered emotional and physical damages as a result of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse.

#### **G. JOHN DOE OL-7**

403. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.

404. John Doe OL-7 is an adult male and currently a resident of Rockland County, State of New York.

405. John Doe OL-7 was a student at the University from approximately 1991 to 1995.

406. John Doe OL-7 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson in fall of

1991.

407. John Doe OL-7 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson in Washtenaw County, State of Michigan.

408. John Doe OL-7 was sexually abused and molested by Dr. Anderson under the guise of medical treatment.

409. Dr. Anderson sexually abused John Doe OL-7 by committing the following acts, at a minimum, against him:

a. Dr. Anderson performed extended and unnecessary digital-rectal penetrations under the guise of medical treatment for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.

b. Dr. Anderson required John Doe OL-7 to expose his genitals to Dr. Anderson for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.

c. Dr. Anderson groped and fondled John Doe OL-7's genitals for Dr. Anderson's own sexual gratification.

410. At all relevant times to John Doe OL-7's allegations in this Complaint, Dr. Anderson was employed as a doctor by U of M.

411. Dr. Anderson committed his sexual abuses and molestations against John Doe OL-7 while in a position of trust, authority, and power granted to him by U of M.

412. The actions of U of M concealed the true nature of the sexual abuse and

molestation committed against John Doe OL-7 by Dr. Anderson.

413. John Doe OL-7 has suffered emotional and physical damages as a result of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse.

## **CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS**

### **A. COUNT ONE**

#### **VIOLATIONS OF TITLE IX – 20 U.S.C. § 1681, *ET SEQ.***

414. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.
415. Title IX's statutory language states "No person in the United States shall on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance..."
416. Under Title IX, sexual harassment is any type of unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature and includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.
417. The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights has explained that Title IX covers all programs of a school and extends to sexual harassment and

assault by employees, students and third parties.<sup>60</sup>

418. Title IX also protects third parties from sexual harassment or violence in a school's education programs and activities.<sup>61</sup>

419. The Survivors are all "person(s)" under Title IX's statutory language.<sup>62</sup>

420. U of M receives federal financial assistance for its education program and is therefore subject to the provisions of Title IX of the Education Act of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681(a), *et seq.*

421. U of M is required under Title IX to investigate allegations of sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment.

422. Dr. Anderson's actions and conduct were carried out by, through, and under the auspices of U of M's various medical programs as a doctor employed by U of M.

423. Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse, molestation, and harassment of the Survivors, including, but not limited to, the fondling of testicles, the fondling and masturbation of penises, non-consensual digital anal penetration, forcing

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<sup>60</sup> See U.S. Dept. of Ed., *Office of Civil Rights, Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence*, WWW2.ED.GO, Apr. 29, 2014, at 1, 3, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/qa-201404-title-ix.pdf>.

<sup>61</sup> See also U.S. Dept. of Ed., *Office of Civil Rights, Dear Colleague Letter: Sexual Violence*, April 4, 2011, n. 11 ("Title IX also protects third parties from sexual harassment or violence in a school's education programs and activities."), WWW2.ED.GO, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201104>.

<sup>62</sup> See 20 U.S.C. § 1681(A).



students into the manual manipulation of Dr. Anderson's penis, forcing students into touching and fondling of Dr. Anderson's genitals, and other lewd behavior as described above was sexual discrimination and sexual harassment under Title IX.

424. U of M owed the Survivors duties under Title IX, which included duties to not to engage in and be deliberately indifferent to known sexual assault, battery, molestation, harassment, or any other form of sexual misconduct.
425. U of M, pursuant to Title IX, was obligated and required to investigate all allegations of sexual assault, battery, molestation and harassment, including allegations that sexual assault, battery, molestation and harassment has been committed by an employee, student or third party.
426. Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse committed against the Survivors constitutes sex discrimination under Title IX.
427. Dr. Anderson's sexual harassment was so severe that it denied the Survivors educational opportunities.
428. U of M had actual knowledge, dating back to approximately 1968 at the latest, that Dr. Anderson was targeting and preying upon U of M students and student-athletes.
429. U of M gained further knowledge of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse on at least ten known and separate occasions from 1968 to 1994.

430. An “appropriate person[s]” of U of M, within the meaning of Title IX, including but not limited to, the U of M representatives at UHS that Mr. Bailey reported his sexual abuse to, former U of M track and field coach Don Canham, former U of M gymnastics coach Newt Loken, former U of M head wrestling coach Bill Johannesen, former U of M track and field coach Jack Harvey, former U of M track and field coach Ron Warhurst, former U of M Vice President of Student Life Tom Easthope, and other representatives and “appropriate persons” at U of M, had actual and/or constructive notice of sexual abuse, assault, battery, molestation, and harassment committed by Dr. Anderson as described further herein this Complaint.
431. In addition to the known reports of Dr. Anderson’s sexual abuse, U of M had knowledge by and through its coaches and representatives as evidenced by the way that these persons in power referred to his known sexual abuse, such as by referring to him as “Dr. Drop Your Drawers.”<sup>63</sup>
432. U of M failed to place guidelines or institute any protective measures against Dr. Anderson to protect U of M’s students and student-athletes.
433. Not only did U of M not take action to stop Dr. Anderson, it actively

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<sup>63</sup> See Kim Kozlowski, *UM Official ‘fired’ Doctor Accused of Sex Abuse, But He Stayed On Another 24 Years*, DETROITNEWS.COM, (last visited July 13, 2020), <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2020/02/21/michigan-doctor-fired-sex-abuse-served-football-team-doctor-24-more-years/4835017002/>.

promoted him both internally in his roles and externally as a renowned doctor.

434. By failing to act and promoting Dr. Anderson, U of M increased his ability to use his power, trust, and authority to sexually abuse hundreds, if not thousands, of U of M students and student athletes.

435. U of M acted with deliberate indifference to known acts of sexual assault, abuse, and molestation on its premises by Dr. Anderson by engaging in the following non-exhaustive list of acts:

- a. Allowing Dr. Anderson to continue his employment at U of M and to continue to have access to students on U of M's campus after receiving actual knowledge and notice of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse;
- b. Failing to properly address the prior allegations as required by Title IX;
- c. Failing to institute corrective measures to prevent Dr. Anderson from violating and sexually abusing students and student-athletes;
- d. Failing to adequately supervise Dr. Anderson while providing medical services on behalf of U of M; and
- e. Failing to protect students and student-athletes on U of M's campus from Dr. Anderson's sexually abusive behavior.

436. U of M's failure to investigate or take any action to protect its students and its student-athletes was deliberately indifferent to the health and wellbeing of its students and student-athletes and the sexual abuse committed against them by

Dr. Anderson.

437. U of M acted with deliberate indifference to the Survivors because of their lack of response to the allegations of sexual assault, abuse, and molestation was clearly unreasonable in light of Dr. Anderson's known habit of sexually abusing U of M students and student-athletes.
438. U of M's failure to promptly and appropriately remedy and respond to the sexual abused committed by Dr. Anderson after U of M received notice of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse subjected the Survivors to further abuse and harassment as well as a sexually hostile environment.
439. U of M failed to adequately supervise or otherwise ensure Dr. Anderson complied with Title IX and other state and federal laws even though U of M had gained actual knowledge that Dr. Anderson posed a substantial risk of committing additional sexual abuse against students and student-athletes.
440. U of M's deliberate indifference effectively denied the Survivors access to educational opportunities at U of M.
441. U of M's failure to properly and appropriately investigate and take corrective action for the complaints of Dr. Anderson's sexual abuse, assault, battery, molestation, and harassment resulted in the Survivors being subject to further sexual abuse, assault, battery, molestation, harassment, and a sexually hostile environment.

442. U of M's failure to promptly and appropriately investigate and remedy and respond to the sexual assaults after they received notice subjected the Survivors to further sexual abuse, assault, battery, molestation, harassment, and a sexually hostile environment, effectively denying them access to educational and other opportunities at U of M, including appropriate medical care.
443. U of M failed to offer counseling services to current or former victims of Dr. Strauss, including the Survivors.
444. As a direct and/or proximate result of U of M's actions and/or inactions, the Survivors have suffered discomfort, sleep deprivation, physical illness, uncontrollable anxiety, severe depression, suicidal thoughts, severe emotional distress, shock, humiliation, fright, grief, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, loss of familial relationships, loss of enjoyment of life, and other effects on their physical and mental well-being and the Survivors will continue to suffer pain of mind and body in the future. The Survivors were also otherwise prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing their normal daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and they have sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

## **B. COUNT TWO**

### **VIOLATIONS OF CIVIL RIGHTS – 42 U.S.C. § 1983**

445. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained

in all previous paragraphs.

446. The Survivors are entitled to certain rights under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
447. The Survivors are all adult men at this time and were boys or men when sexually abused and assaulted by Dr. Anderson.
448. Dr. Anderson specifically targeted males to perpetrate his sexually abusive and assaultive acts.
449. The Survivors enjoy the constitutionally protected Due Process right to be free from the invasion of bodily integrity through sexual assault, abuse, or molestation.
450. At all relevant times, U of M and Dr. Anderson were acting under color of law, to wit, under color of statutes, ordinances, regulations, policies, customs, and usages of the State of Michigan and/or U of M.
451. The acts as alleged above amount to a violation of these clearly established constitutionally protected rights, of which reasonable persons in U of M's position should have known.
452. U of M had the ultimate responsibility and authority to train and supervise its employees, agents, and/or representatives, in the appropriate manner of detecting, reporting, and preventing sexual abuse, assault, and molestation and as a matter of acts, custom, policy, and/or practice, failed to do so with

deliberate indifference.

453. As a matter of custom, policy, and and/or practice, the U of M had and still have the ultimate responsibility and authority to investigate complaints against their employees, agents, and representatives from all individuals including but not limited to students, visitors, faculty, staff, or other employees, agents, and/or representatives.

454. U of M failed to exercise their authority to investigate Dr. Anderson and did so with deliberate indifference.

455. U of M had a duty to prevent sexual assault, abuse, and molestation on their campus, premises, and during school related activities, that duty arising under the above-referenced constitutional rights, as well as established rights pursuant to Title IX.

456. Ultimately, U of M failed to adequately and properly address the numerous complaints of its students and student-athletes beginning at the latest in 1968 by failing to the do the following, including but not limited to, failing to:

- a. Prevent Dr. Anderson gaining access the population of male students and student-athletes who would be less likely to complain about Dr. Anderson's conduct for multiple reasons, including their status as student-athletes who were required to have exams done by Dr. Anderson, their status as gay persons, the real or perceived stigma

associated with being a survivor of sexual assault, their status as patients of Dr. Anderson, and other reasons;

- b. Perform a thorough investigation into improper conduct by Dr. Anderson after receiving complaints in 1968, 1969, 1975, 1976, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1988, and 1994, at a minimum;
  - c. Thoroughly review and investigate all policies, practices, procedures, and training materials related to the circumstances surrounding the conduct of Dr. Anderson;
  - d. Prevent college officials from deeming Dr. Anderson able to continue his employment after being fully informed and notified of the sexual abuse and assaults that that he had and was committing against students and student-athletes; and,
  - e. Produce and implement any institutional guidelines to protect students and student-athletes following sexual abuse reported in 1968, 1969, 1975, 1976, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1988, and 1994, at a minimum.
457. U of M's failure to adequately address the 1968, 1969, 1975, 1976, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1988, and 1994 complaints and reports led to an unknown number of individuals being victimized, sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Dr. Anderson, including the Survivors.
458. By failing to prevent the aforementioned sexual assault, abuse, and molestation



and by failing to appropriately respond to the reports of Dr. Anderson's sexual assault, abuse, and molestation, U of M's actions amounted to deliberate indifference, therefore U of M is liable the Survivors pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

459. U of M tolerated, authorized and/or permitted a custom, policy, practice or procedure of insufficient supervision and failed to adequately screen, counsel, or discipline Dr. Anderson, with the result that Dr. Anderson was allowed to violate the rights of persons such as the Survivors.

460. U of M's actions and/or inactions amounted to action with a discriminatory purpose against the Survivors.

461. U of M is also liable to the Survivors under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for maintaining customs, policies, and practices which deprived the Survivors of rights secured by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

462. As a direct and/or proximate result of U of M's actions and/or inactions, the Survivors have suffered discomfort, sleep deprivation, physical illness, uncontrollable anxiety, severe depression, suicidal thoughts, severe emotional distress, shock, humiliation, fright, grief, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, loss of familial relationships, loss of enjoyment of life, and other effects on their physical and mental well-being and the Survivors will continue

to suffer pain of mind and body in the future. The Survivors were also otherwise prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing their normal daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and they have sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

### **C. ADDITIONAL CAUSES OF ACTION**

#### **STATE OF MICHIGAN STATE LAW CAUSES OF ACTION**

463. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.
464. The Survivors reserve the right to amend this Complaint to add additional causes of action that arise under Michigan law and the Survivors retain the right to pursue any and all applicable causes of action that arise under Michigan law pursuant to the tolling agreement entered in this matter and all other applicable statutes.
465. The Survivors reserve the right to bring, at a minimum, the following causes of action under Michigan law:
- a. Violations of the Elliot-Larson Civil Rights Act, M.C.L. 33.2101, *et seq.*
  - b. Violations of the Michigan Constitution, Including violation of Article 1 § 17.
  - c. Gross Negligence.
  - d. Negligence.

- e. Vicarious Liability.
- f. Express/Implied Agency.
- g. Negligent Supervision.
- h. Negligent Failure to Warn or Protect.
- i. Negligent Failure to Train or Educate.
- j. Negligent Retention.
- k. Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress.
- l. Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress.
- m. Fraud and Misrepresentation.

466. The Survivors have all filed Notices of Intent with the Michigan Court of Claims setting forth their approximate dates of abuse and potential causes of action against the identified parties in the Notices of Intent pursuant to the Court of Claims Act, M.C.L. 600.6401, *et seq.*

### **DAMAGES FOR ALL CAUSES OF ACTION**

467. The Survivors re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all previous paragraphs.

468. As a direct and/or proximate result of U of M's actions and/or inactions stated above, the Survivors suffered and continues to suffer discomfort, sleep deprivation, physical illness, uncontrollable anxiety, severe depression, suicidal

thoughts, severe emotional distress, shock, humiliation, fright, grief, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, loss of familial relationships, loss of enjoyment of life and will continue to suffer pain of mind and body, and are prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing their daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and they have sustained and will continue to sustain loss of educational opportunities, earnings, and earning capacity.

469. The conduct, actions, and/or inactions of U of M as alleged in the above stated counts and causes of action constitute violations of the Survivors' Constitutional and Federal rights, as well as the common law and/or statutory laws of the State of Michigan.
470. These irreparable harms the Survivors suffer, and will continue suffering, are proven damages typically suffered by young men when sexually assaulted by another man who is a trusted person and/or medical provider.
471. Symptoms of male sexual abuse on male adults can last for decades and affect their lives in many ways from causing sexual dysfunction and the inability to engage in close relationships with others to confusion about sexual identity,

embarrassment and depression.<sup>64</sup>

472. Psychological damage from sexual abuse is especially harmful when the perpetrator is known and trusted by the victim.<sup>65</sup>

473. When sexual abuse is perpetrated by a medical provider, patients often lack the ability to comprehend the abuse due to the provider's position of access, trust and authority and commonly suffer from emotional distress, humiliation, and the inability to trust medical care providers or the medical care professional generally.<sup>66</sup>

474. As a result of some or all of the above actions and/or inactions of U of M, the Survivors have and continue to suffer irreparable harm.

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<sup>64</sup> See Vearnals, et al., *Male Victims of Male Sexual Assault: A Review of Psychological Consequences and Treatment*, Journal of Sexual and Relationship Therapy, August 2001; Richard Tewksbury, *Effects of Sexual Assaults on Men: Physical, Mental and Sexual Consequences*, International Journal of Men's Health, Vol. 6, No. 1, Spring 2007, pp. 22-35.

<sup>65</sup> See Glòria Durà-Vilà, Roland Littlewood & Gerard Leavey, *Integration of Sexual Trauma in a Religious Narrative: Transformation, Resolution and Growth among Contemplative Nuns*, Transcult Psychiatry, Feb 2013, 50 (1): 21-46; Kimberly A. Lonsway & Joanne Archambault, *Victim Impact: How Victims are Affected by Sexual Assault and How Law Enforcement Can Respond*, End Violence Against Women International OnLine Training Institute, May 2019, p. 34.

<sup>66</sup> See Kathleen S. Lundgren, Wanda S. Needleman, & Janet W. Wohlberg, *Above All, Do No Harm: Abuse of Power by Health Care Professionals*, Copyright 2004, (last visited July 13, 2020), available at <https://www.therapyabuse.org/p2-abuse-of-power.htm>.

## **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, the Survivors request this Court and the finder of fact to enter a Judgment in the Survivors' favor against U of M on all counts and claims as indicated above in an amount consistent with the proofs of trial, and seek against U of M all appropriate damages arising out of law, equity, and fact for each or all of the above counts where applicable and hereby requests that the trier of fact, be it judge or jury, award the Survivors all applicable damages, including but not limited to compensatory, special, exemplary, and/or punitive damages, in whatever amount the Survivors are entitled, and all other relief arising out of law, equity, and fact, also including, but not limited to:

- A. Compensatory damages in an amount to be determined as fair and just under the circumstances by the trier of fact including, but not limited to medical expenses, loss of earnings, mental anguish, anxiety, humiliation, and embarrassment, violations of the Survivors' Constitutional, Federal, and State rights, loss of social pleasure and enjoyment, and other damages to be proved;
- B. Punitive and/or exemplary damages in an amount to be determined as reasonable or just by the trier of fact;
- C. Reasonable attorney fees, interest, and costs; and,
- D. Other declaratory, equitable, and/or injunctive relief, including, but not

limited to, implementation of institutional reform and measures of accountability to ensure the safety and protection students, student-athletes, and other individuals at the University of Michigan.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**JURY DEMAND**

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**NOW COME** the Plaintiffs, by and through their attorneys O'Keefe Law PLLC, and hereby demand a trial by jury on all claims set forth above.

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